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KEREN IN DESPERATE PLIGHT: ERITREA'S FATE IN THE BALANCE

LONDON, MAR. 18 (REUTER).—KEREN, WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF ITALIAN ERITREA AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE OF ITALIAN EAST AFRICA NOW APPEARS TO BE IN AN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND ITALIAN SOURCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

DISPATCHES FROM KHARTOUM, BRITISH COMMUNIQUES FROM CAIRO AND NAIROBI, AND AN ITALIAN COMMUNIQUE FROM ROME TELL A STORY OF HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES IN BITTER COUNTER-ATTACKS AGAINST THE BELEAGUERING IMPERIAL ARMY.

A communique from Cairo to-day also reports that pressure by Imperial and patriot forces in Abyssinia is being maintained successfully over a wide area against the retreating Italians while British troops are extending the area of occupation in British Somaliland.

From the north, British and French troops are pushing across the wilderness of the ridges towards the road leading from Keren.

Against Great Odds

Several heights still held by the Italians still separate them from the road, which is ideal for defence. The British have to assail the positions which the Italians have had a month to prepare and they are faced with greatly superior numbers, estimated 3:1.

The Battle of Keren, therefore, is expected to last several days.

Tripoli Harbour Raid

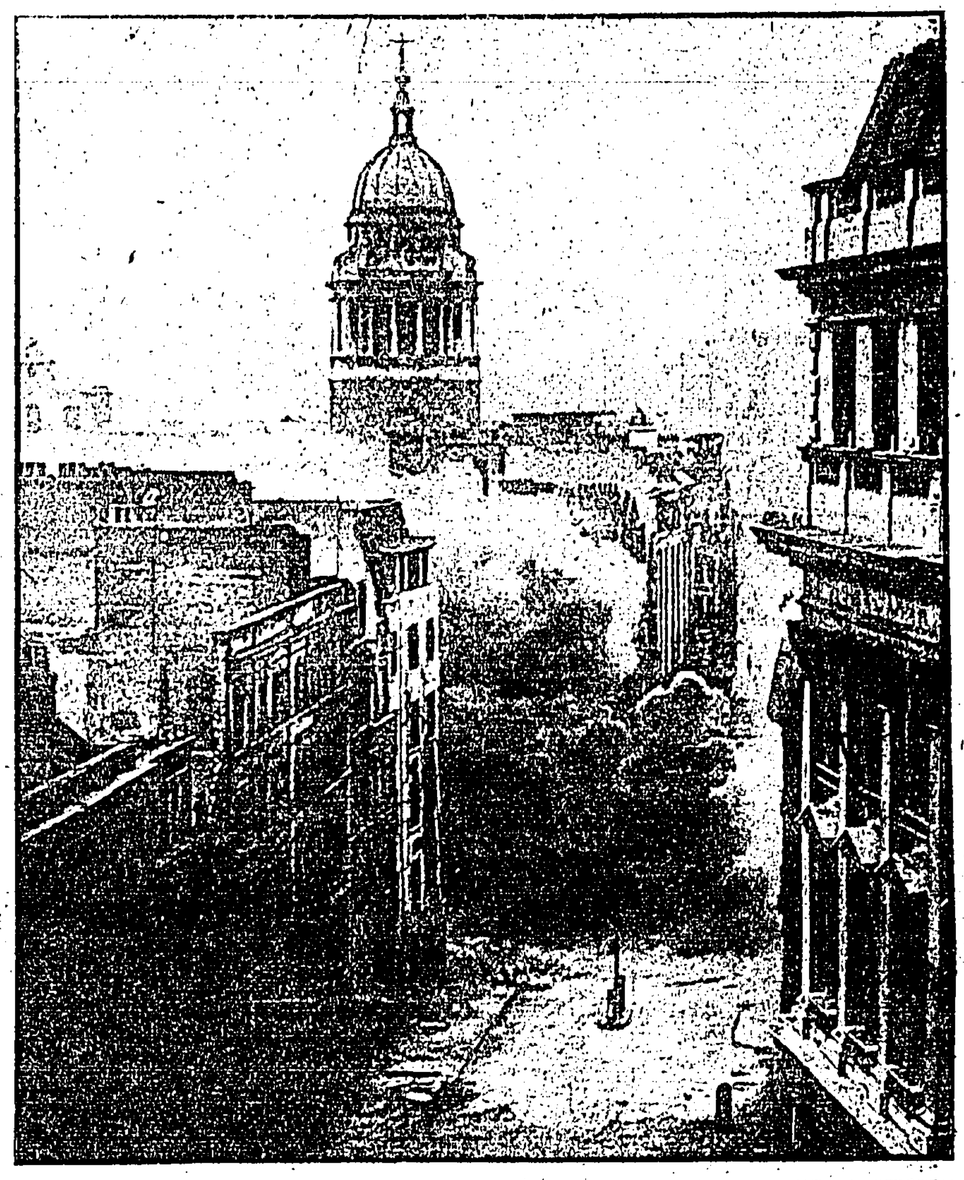
CAIRO, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—A heavy attack was made by the R.A.F. in Tripoli Harbour on Sunday night.

The mole, ships and quays were bombed, large fires were started in hangars and military stores, and explosions were seen at a railway depot and near the wireless station.

An R.A.F. communique announcing this also states that the R.A.F. continued their activity in the Keren area.

Dynamite Squads Work On London Wreckage

A Home Guard cordon, with bayonets, kept Londoners hundreds of yards away when the explosion pictured here shook the heart of the City. It was the first of the "safety demolitions" which followed the devastation of the fireblitz.



"SARAH SIMPLE"

The Play That Cannot Be Missed

The Hongkong A.D.C. has an imposing string of successes to its credit, but "Sarah Simple," the Club's latest production, is a triumph.

Last night's dress rehearsal of this scintillating comedy makes front news to-day.

The play in itself is clever and vastly amusing, but in the hands of Claude Burgess, Sheila Mackinlay, Day Sage and their colleagues, it becomes an outstanding entertainment. The players are practically faultless and there is not a dull moment.

The opening scenes are as breezy and compelling as the climax—the true test of both authorship and performance. Claude Burgess and Sheila Mackinlay go very close to dominating all the scenes, and both are in their most effective form. Laughter ripples right through the play, and it is to the credit of the cast and conscientious Producer-Cyril-Brown—that not a single line or situation capable of causing merriment is allowed to pass by without acknowledgment.

The Performers

Day Sage made her first appearance on the Hongkong stage in "Someone at the Door," produced recently at the K.C.C. That performance gave promise of much better things to come and in "Sarah Simple" she proves her abilities to the full. Hers is a well rounded, intelligent study.

Sheila Mackinlay has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as the Colony's leading light comedy player among the ladies. Her work in "Sarah Simple" merely adds the official seal to this reputation.

Claude Burgess gives a handsome performance, showing cunning appreciation of the subtleties of his part. He has some great lines; he speaks them grandly.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are well cast and succeed in making the best of intricate little roles, while William Kirby has some splendid moments in the third act and gives a delicious cameo, which, for a brief moment, overshadows everything else in the play.

The settings are ideal and characteristic of able Mr W. A. Cornell, who has never yet turned out a piece of poor scenery for the Hongkong stage. Charles Gilmor is the efficient stage manager, W. A. Mackinlay, the hardworking secretary and Cyril Brown, the wholly successful producer.

There are some seats available for to-night's opening performance, which should not be, for "Sarah Simple" is a play which cannot be missed.—S.A.G.

Bombing of Chungking Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE, March 19 (Domei).—Several formations of Japanese Naval aircraft flying far into the interior of China on Tuesday afternoon carried out a successful raid on Chungking, inflicting heavy damage, according to the Press Section of the Japanese Central China Sea Fleet.

Some formations concentrated their attack on the Chinese military establishments in the city proper, scoring direct hits, while other units raided the munitions plants in the outskirts of the city, causing fires.

All planes which participated in the raid, returned to their bases safely.

Turks Cause Nazis To Hesitate

MADRID, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The German Foreign Office spokesman is now refusing to answer questions about Germany's intentions towards Greece, writes the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Ya."

A big press and radio campaign against Greece is going on which is regarded in Berlin as a sign that the Greek situation is now in the hands of the military.

Current reports in the German capital say that 300,000 British troops are in Greece.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Diplomatic action is proceeding with the object of reaching a complete understanding between Germany and Turkey, says the "Allehanda" correspondent in Berlin.

He adds that it is generally believed that Germany is hesitating to take action against Greece pending greater certainty as to Turkey's attitude.

Authoritative circles in Berlin, he states, refuse to express an opinion as to whether President Inonu's reply to Hitler is considered satisfactory or otherwise.

BABY TANK FOR CHINA

Novel Features

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central News).—Blueprints for a baby tank two feet high, six feet wide and nine feet long with a speed of 80 miles per hour were presented to the Chinese Government through the Chinese Embassy in Washington by an American designer in Chicago, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post."

The "Post" learned that the designer, lived in Shanghai for ten years.

Costing only one-fourth of the price of the cheapest tank on the market, the whippet tank is so designed that it can be manufactured in China with materials available in this country.

Designed For China

Designed specifically for the Chinese terrain, the whippet tank is manned by a crew of two and is practically immune from aerial and anti-tank gun attacks. The tank can be powered by alcohol while the factory for manufacturing the baby tanks needs only 20 skilled workmen.

After a month's trial operation, the plant can turn out five such tanks daily. The factory will be equipped on a mobile basis to dodge Japanese bombs.

Terrible Merseyside Death Roll In Two Big Air Raids

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—About 500 were killed and 500 were seriously injured in German air raids on Merseyside in two nights, March 12 and 13.

The combined casualties in the Clyde area on March 13 and 14 were approximately 500 killed and 800 seriously injured.

Bombers Intercepted

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Two German bombers were intercepted and shot down into the sea off the coast of Britain to-day.

Two British fighters, returning with their ammunition exhausted, were attacked by a number of enemy fighters and shot down. Both pilots are safe.

The Air Ministry adds that there had been a little air activity by small enemy forces round the coasts of Britain during the day and that a few aircraft penetrated inland, but no bombs are reported dropped.

Spaniard's Conclusion

MADRID, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—"Mysterious things are occurring in the air," writes the London correspondent of the newspaper, "A.B.C." who adds: "Whatever the British anti-aircraft devices may be, things have greatly changed and Londoners to-day are safer than ever in their shelters and houses."

BRITISH UNITY

Emphasised By Mr Morrison

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter). The unity and determination of the British people to stand firm and carry on to win the war was the theme of a broadcast speech by Mr Herbert Morrison, the Home Security Minister, to-night.

He was urging the people to read and study carefully the leaflet just issued by his Ministry informing them what to do in case of invasion.

Invasion, said Mr Morrison, was a vital subject for though the blaze of war might leap from Europe to Africa or Asia, there could be no real Nazi victory unless it won here—in and around this island.

No Secret

"I am giving away no secrets," Mr Morrison went on, "if I tell you that your government's military chiefs have made plans in the defence of Britain on a basis of complete confidence that you will not let them down."

He emphasised the necessity of carrying on the country's work to the utmost capacity and concluded with the exhortation, "Stand firm. Carry on. Beat the invader."

A. R. Distress Fund

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The £1,000 from the Central British War Fund in Shanghai among the contributions received to-day, makes the total of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund £2,206,000.

LATEST

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British Money In America

Secret Evidence Revealed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The evidence given by the United States defence chiefs at last week's secret hearings before the National Defence Committee was released to-day as the House of Representatives began debate on the British Aid appropriations.

The Director-General of Defence, Mr William Knudsen's statement showed that Britain financed 61 manufacturing plants out of 784 available or in preparation for the production of defence materials.

The statement made by the Budget Director, Mr Harold Smith, gave a comprehensive view of Britain's war expenditure in the United States. The total existing British orders, says Mr Smith's statement, aggregate $2,700,000,000. Payment of $1,600,000,000 has been made.

All goods delivered to Britain have been paid for and usually a 25 per cent. deposit was paid in cash with an order.

The remaining liabilities will be met from Britain's existing dollar resources.

The statement says that the British Government has not adequate funds to meet additional commitments but none was proposed.

Pre-Bill Orders

The United States' $7,000,000,000 British Aid appropriation would be used to pay the orders placed by Britain before the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

At the beginning of the current year, British holdings included

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Planes Collide: Six Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar 18 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that two bombers from the cruiser Yorktown collided in mid-air at sea on March 17 and that all six of the personnel were killed.

They refused to reveal the scene of the crash. However, it is known that the Yorktown has been operating out of Pearl Harbour for several months so the accident undoubtedly happened in the Hawaiian area.

Gandhi's Secretary

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Gandhi's secretary, who was recently released from ghol, is reported to have been arrested to-day under the Defence of India rules.

AID BRITAIN

Big Appropriation Goes To Congress

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The United States House of Representatives to-day began debate on the $7,000,000,000 Aid to Britain appropriation.

It was controlled with a tersely worded warning from the Appropriations Committee that this huge figure must be quickly approved for the reputation of the United States among nations would suffer.

The note coincides with Mr Churchill's reference in London to submarines and to the operation of Nazi battle cruisers on the United States side of the Atlantic.

One Change

The note requested the House to approve the Bill with one change: that any article procured under the Bill shall be retained by the United States Government at the President's discretion instead of being sent to a foreign government if that is consi-

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R.A.F. Sets Continental Areas Alight with Bombs

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions and fires were observed in the dock and industrial areas of Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, which were bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command last night.

The Air Ministry also states that a large fire was started in the petrol storage tanks at Rotterdam while single aircraft attacked Emden and Oldenburg.

One enemy night fighter was shot down in flames during these operations.

Off the Frisian Islands, an aircraft of the Coastal Command torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel.

None of the British aircraft is missing from all these operations.

Enemy Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—A Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel on Monday night off the Frisian Islands, it is officially announced.

Exiled Dutch Premier On His Way to N.E.I.

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Premier of the exiled Dutch Government, Herr En van Kleffens, accompanied by his wife arrived here by Clipper to-day and said he was en route to the Netherlands East Indies to "talk things over with the Governor-General there."

He asserted that his Government did not expect Japan to invade the Dutch islands in the Pacific and added: "We have had three and a half centuries of peace with Japan and I do not see any signs to give me any reason for concern."

When asked whether or not his Government would ask protection for the Indies, he replied: "We accept protection from nobody; however, if attacked, then I believe our interests, British interests and your (United States) interests would be parallel."

Due In N.E.I. April 1

BATAVIA, Mar. 18 (Domei).—Dr E. N. van Kleffens, Foreign Minister, and Mr Charles M. Welter, Minister for Colonies, of the Netherlands Government in London, are arriving here from London on April 1.

Mr Ritman, spokesman, said that the visit has no special purpose but is to make routine consultations between the home Government and the East Indies Government.

The spokesman said that the Japanese-Dutch negotiations would be greatly accelerated by the visit.

The spokesman denied that the two Ministers would proceed to Singapore or Sydney after visiting here.

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1.45 Humorous Variety.
2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Half an hour with Delius.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—'From the Old Country'.
Talk by Robert Donat.
7.30 Folk Music.
8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.
8.30 Studio—"Makers of Medicine' No. 4: "Medical Humanist: Grammarian and Doctor, Thomas Linacre."
Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
8.50 Violin Solos by Henry Merckel.
Two Minuets from 'Sonata No. 6 in E Major for Solo Violin' Prelude from 'Sonata No. 1 in G Minor for Solo Violin' (Bach).
9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 Light French Programme with Jean Sablon and Lucienne Boyer.
Les Saltimbangues — Overture (Louis Ganne)...Orchestra Symphonique du Lutetia Wagram; Embrasse-Moi (Pills-Tabet); Je T'aime (Pills-Tabet)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; La Fille De Madame Angot—Overture (Lecocq)....Vienna Symphony Orchestra; La Chanson des Rues (Vaucaire and Goer); Why Do You Pass Me By?....Jean Sablon (Vocal) with Orchestra; Sous Les Becs De Gaz—Java; Ma Banlieue—Valse (both from 'Feerie de Paris') L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra.
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 Studio—Talk by Mr H. C. Macnamara on "The Fanling Hunt."
10.10 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.
10.23 Dance Music.
11.00 Close Down.

Black-Out At Taipo A Success

From 11 p.m. to midnight yesterday Taipo was completely blacked out in an exercise under the Air Raid Precautions Department to experiment with the star-lighting system. Information from Taipo reveals that the black-out proved successful.

There were only a few pedestrians in the street and Air Raid Wardens from the Taipo district attended in full. Police, under the supervision of Mr G. S. Wilson co-operated.

Of the three lighting systems tested, the one said not to have proved good was in relation to blue bulbs with large shades. Blue bulbs in small shades proved much more effective.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

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"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE

In connection with the National Day of Prayer, a Service will be held at the "Ohel Leah" Synagogue on Sunday, 23rd March, 1941, at 11 a.m.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

HONG KONG WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

MONSTER RAFFLE, 1941

RULES

1. The sale of tickets in the raffle will cease on Wednesday, April 9, 1941.
2. Counterfoils of every ticket sold must be in the custody of the supervisors before the draw. Any ticket sold for which no corresponding counterfoil has been returned to the supervisors will not be included in the draw.
3. A ticket is entitled to one prize only. Any number, having drawn a prize, will be deemed cancelled for the remainder of the draw.
4. Prizes will be delivered to the person who produces the requisite winning ticket. No right to a prize can be recognised except the right conferred by the production of the requisite ticket.
5. Winning tickets must be produced and endorsed by the holder before delivery of prize can be made. Mutilated tickets—that is, if distinctive number and chop are not clearly discernible—will not be accepted.
6. Winning tickets not presented within Three Months of the draw will be considered null and void, and all unclaimed prizes will revert to the donors and/or the Hong Kong War Effort Committee after the above period of Three Months has elapsed.
7. Any misunderstanding or dispute must be referred to the Hong Kong War Effort Committee, whose decision shall be final.

By Order of the Committee,
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Supervisors.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to "capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 "Hongkong currency, part of the "undivided profits of the Com-"pany standing to the credit of "the Company's Reserve Fund, "and to allot to the members "holding shares of the Company "as on the first day of April "One thousand nine hundred "and forty-one in respect of the "net amount capitalised fully "paid shares of the Company "of equivalent nominal value in "the proportion of one share for "every three shares of the Com-"pany held by them respectively "and that such shares so allotted "shall rank for dividends as "from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribu-"tion as aforesaid any person "would be entitled to a frac-"tional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing fractional "certificates, cause the whole "share to be allotted to a person "or persons to be named by the "Directors and such share shall, "at such time as the Directors "think fit, be sold and the pro-"ceeds distributed amongst the "persons entitled to the frac-"tions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding rsolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE

In connection with the National Day of Prayer, a Service will be held at the "Ohel Leah" Synagogue on Sunday, March 23, at 11 a.m..

British Gratitude To President Roosevelt

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—British gratitude for President Roosevelt's historical declaration of last Saturday was publicly expressed by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, when he toasted the health of the new American Ambassador, Mr John Winant, at the Pilgrims Society luncheon to-day.

The Prime Minister expressed a "sense of encouragement and fortification in the resolve which has come to us from across the ocean by those stirring, august, fateful Presidential words."

He reminded Mr Winant that he had come to a community which had been tried and proved before mankind and history to a degree and on a scale and under conditions previously unknown to human experience.

"We have our faults," he said, "but I hope, with God's help, we will be able to prove that a state or commonwealth of nations founded upon freedom possesses, amid the sharpest shocks, the faculty of survival in a high, honourable and, indeed, glorious degree. The words and acts of the President and people of the United States come like a draught of life and tell us we all no longer alone. We know that other hearts in scores of millions beat with ours, other strong hands wield hammers and shape the weapons we need; other keen, gleaming eyes are fixed in hard conviction upon tyrannies that must and will be destroyed.

"The Battle of the Atlantic must be now in a decisive manner if the declared policies of the Government and people of the United States are not to be forcibly frustrated. Not only German U-boats but battle cruisers have crossed the Atlantic and have already sunk some of our ships not sailing in convoy. They have sunk ships as far west as the 42nd meridian of longitude.

"Over here an intense, unrelenting struggle is being waged to bring in an endless stream of munitions and food, without which our war efforts here and in the Middle East—for that shall not be relaxed—cannot be maintained.

Strength Growing Weekly

"Our losses have risen for the time being and we are applying our fullest strength, recourse, skill and science to meet this potentially mortal challenge. Our strength is growing every week. The American destroyers which reached us in the autumn and winter are increasingly coming into action. Our flotillas are growing in number. Our air power over the island and seas is growing fast. We are hitting back with increasing effect.

"Only yesterday I received news of the certain destruction of three German U-boats. It is not my rule to conceal the gravity of the danger and therefore I have a right to be believed when I also proclaim the confidence that we shall overcome them.

"But anyone can see how bitter is the need of Hitler and his gang to cut the searoads between Britain and the United States and, having divided these mighty powers, to destroy them one by one.

"This battle of the Atlantic is one of the most momentous ever fought in the annals of war. Therefore Mr Winant, you come at the turning point in world's history.

"In the last few months we have had a succession of imminent American citizens visiting these storm-beaten shores and finding them unconquered and unconquerable. In all these men I have discerned in them all that they would be proud to give their lives rather than the good cause should be trampled down and the darkness of barbarism again engulf mankind.

"You, Mr Ambassador, share our purpose. You will share our dangers, our interests and our secrets, and the day will come when the British Empire and United States will share together in the solemn but splendid duties which are the crown of victory."

At the luncheon a message was read from the King. The Royal message declared: "The new Ambassador has come at a fateful moment in the history of our two countries. The warmth of our welcome will testify to the feelings uppermost in all of us to-day—gratitude to the people he represents and admiration for the great statesman who stands at their head."—*Reuter.*

Free Peoples Unite

Responding, Mr Winant dedicated himself to the policies of Britain and America, designed to help one another build a new world happier than the last.

"To-day," he said, "it is the British people's honour and destiny to man the bridgeheads of humanity's hopes. It is their privilege to stand against the ruthless, powerful dictators who would destroy the lessons of 2,000 years of history and to tell them 'You shall not pass.'

"The world has known tyranny before, but never a tyranny more cruel and absolute or so relentlessly organised."

Mr Winant repeated the President's assurances of American aid and added—"The road ahead is hard. A new spirit is abroad. Free peoples are again co-operating to win a free world and no tyranny can frustrate their hopes. From the sacrifices of those who now suffer and die this new world shall be built, with God's help."—*Reuter.*

America Means Business

London, Mar. 18.

The whole-hearted assurance that "the American people mean business" was given by Mr Averell Harriman, President Roosevelt's personal representative when he defined to the British Press to-day that the aim of his mission was to assist in supplying material aid to the British Empire.

Mr Harriman, who is tall, clean-shaven, square-jawed and looks like a typical American big business executive, said he had seen Mr Churchill and expected to see everyone dealing with supplies from America. "I shall deal in an advisory capacity in the whole range, of American supplies, from shipping and aeroplanes to foodstuffs and general supplies," he said. "I shall be in England for the duration of the war.

"As regards foodstuffs, I am satisfied that Americans would be glad to make sacrifices in their own diet to give Britain the kind of food she needed if it became necessary. America has a staggering productive capacity, which, in the case of steel, is 85,000,000 tons this year and this could be increased substantially next year.

"The American nation is unanimously behind the Administration in its aid policy."

Mr Harriman indicated that supplies for Greece and China would probably be arranged in Washington. —*Reuter.*

SHIPPING LOSSES

Confidence In Face Of High Figures

London, Mar. 18.

Mercantile losses due to enemy action in the week ended at midnight on March 9 were announced by the Admiralty to-day as totalling 25 ships of 98,832 tonnage, comprising 20 British ships of 84,244 tons and five Allied ships of 14,588 tons. This total is a third less than the figure for last week, which has now been corrected to total 141,314 tons instead of 148,038 tons and one British ship fewer is now included in the sinkings.

In the same week the Germans claim to have sunk 143,661 tons and the Italians 20,000 tons, making a total enemy claim of 163,661 tons of merchant shipping sunk.

The figures for the last fortnight cannot be taken as a definite indication of what may happen in the coming months and authoritative circles realise that Britain must be prepared to face losses until the Battle of the Atlantic is won. "Anxiety tempered with confidence" is a suitable attitude to the period when the enemy is bringing into play his maximum forces in three dimensions—on, over, and under the sea.

The fact that Sir Percy Noble has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Western Approaches is an indication of the steps being taken to co-ordinate measures effectively, but many weeks must elapse before results can be seen of the Navy's efforts to deal with all the German attempts to master British shipping. It is also emphasised in official quarters that, in view of the fact that all types of ships will be needed in this supreme effort, shipyards and workers share with the navy and the mercantile marine a heavy responsibility in making certain a final British victory.—*British Wireless.*

Bremen Badly Damaged

London, Mar. 18.

The German Official News Agency reports that the 50,000-ton Bremen suffered severe damage when a fire broke out on Sunday. The report adds that the fire has now been put out.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Inexplicable Candour

London, Mar. 18.

No details have been received of the reported outbreak of fire on the liner Bremen and many suggestions are put forward for the sudden candour of the German Official News Agency.—*Reuter.*

Unconfirmed reports

London, Mar. 18.

Nothing is known in authoritative circles of the alleged sinking by the R.A.F. of a hospital ship on which the Countess Ciano is asserted to have been a nurse.

There is also no confirmation of the reported bombing of two British battleships in the Mediterranean.—*Reuter.*

Donations For Bomber Fund

A total of $1,093,394.84 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

R.A. Sergeants' Mess, Stanley (second donation)	$100
Gordons, Ltd, (monthly donation)	10
Sergeants' Mess, H.K.V.D.C., Fanling Camp	80.50
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Craigengower Cricket Club (second donation)	70
Hongkong Police Force (All Contingents and Clerical Staff) February (sixth donation)	604.20
Sanitary Department Subordinate Staff's Club	100

In sending the donation from the Sanitary Department Club, the Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council, wrote:

I have much pleasure in sending to you the sum of $100 for the Bomber Fund from members of the Sanitary Department Subordinate Staff's Club. This club is composed of the lowliest grades of staff employed by this Department—Scavenging and Cleansing Coolies, Refuse Hargemen and their Foremen and Overseers, Motor Drivers for Refuse Lorries, and Sanitary Department Vans and artisans and labourers of various kinds. This time last year they contributed a like sum to the B. W. O. F.

You will agree with me, I am sure, that these spontaneous acts, in days of ever increasing prices, are a marvellous pledge of the loyalty of these men.

To Become Bishop Of Singapore

Dean's New Post

It is announced that the Very Reverend J. L. Wilson, Dean and Archdeacon of Hongkong, has been offered the Bishopric of Singapore by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and has accepted it, and has in consequence put his resignation in the hands of the Bishop of Hongkong and the Church of England Trustees.

The date and place of consecration are in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and may not be settled for some little time, it is stated.

The Rev. J. L. Wilson, formerly Vicar of St Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland, arrived in Hongkong on February 10, 1938, to take up the appointment as Dean of St John's Cathedral.

Mr Wilson was educated at St John's School, Leatherhead, Surrey, and on leaving school joined the Army. He was under age at the time, and was so small that he was placed in the Recruiting Office at Newcastle for six months. He recalls with amusement that he literally "grew up" in the Army. He was even too small for the bantams; as his height was 4ft. 11 in., and his weight little more than six stone. When he left the Army after the War he had increased his height by eight inches, and his weight by five stone.

Served in The Ranks

Dean Wilson served in the ranks for three years, and, after being a sergeant, obtained a commission in the Durham Light Infantry, and was gazetted to the 13th Battalion in France. On returning home he went up to Queen's College, Oxford, in 1919, and took his B.A. degree in 1922, after which he went to Persia as a layman to teach at the Stuart Memorial College at Isfahan.

The Dean returned to England to go to the Theological College at Oxford in 1924, and was ordained the same year, and licensed to St Michael's Cathedral, Coventry, where for three years he was under the Sub-Dean, Canon H. St B. Holland, who is now Bishop of Wellington.

This was followed by a move to Egypt, where Mr Wilson took up missionary work, and he went back to England in 1929, when he took a curacy at St Margaret's, Durham, in charge of St John's, Neville's Cross.

In 1930 Mr Wilson was appointed Vicar of Eighton Banks, where he remained until he accepted the invitation to become Vicar of St Andrew's, Roker. He succeeded the Rev. Walter Johnson, who had died suddenly when visiting parishioners

Addressed HK Rotary Club

The Hongkong Rotary Club in particular and many newspaper people in China also, will be sorry to learn that Luigi Barzini, Italian correspondent, is, or was at the beginning of the war in imprisonment in the islands to which the Fascist Government exiles all malcontents.

C. M. Franzero, London Correspondent of the "Giornale d'Italia" and now writing for the "Daily Telegraph" since his anti-Fascist feelings made it impossible for him to return to Italy, says that in April last year, just before Italy's entry into the war, he visited Italy. There he learned that Barzini had been arrested and sentenced without trial to five years "in the islands," because he had expressed himself rather openly in a cafe on the comparative importance of Mussolini, Hitler and Ciano.

Barzani was one of the Italian correspondents on the Panay when she was sunk by the Japanese. When he was passing through Hongkong he was invited to give an account of this experience and this he did in a charming and fluent speech free from all Fascist sentiment.

A. S. Watson's Good Profit

The General Managers and the Directors of A. S. Watson & Company, Limited, report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at October 31, 1940, for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, allowing for depreciation of aerated water and other machinery and plant, motor transport, furniture, fittings and trade utensils, etc., amounts to $438,831.20, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year, $98,855.84, less Corporation Tax for 1940-1 of 534,627.25, leaving available for appropriation a total of $503,059.85.

It is proposed to allocate this amount as follows:

To pay a dividend of 60 cents per share absorbing,	$120,000,00
To pay a bonus of 60 cents per share,	90 000,00
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To transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Account,	10,000.00
And carry forward to next account,	83,059.85
	$503,059.85

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th March Mar. 20.
Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (Complete Mail) by sea from Singapore Mar. 20.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 20.
Canton. Mar. 22.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 22.
Calcutta and Straits Mar. 23.
Swatow Mar. 23.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th March Mar. 25.
Australia and Manila Mar. 25.
Canton. Mar. 25.
Java and Manila Mar. 25.
U.S.A. and Japan (San Francisco date, 7th March) Mar. 25.
Australia, Rabaul and Manila Mar. 27.

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Wednesday, March 19

Japan and Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver B.C.,
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ..Mar. 19, 11.00 a.m.
Letters, ...Mar. 19, Noon.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels Mar. 19, 11 a.m.
Letters Mar. 19, Noon.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong 12.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Rangoon 8.30 a.m.
Calcutta 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
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Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 7 p.m.
Sourabaya 7.00 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Straits and Rangoon 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 21, 4 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for United-Kingdom.
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Mar. 22, 9.45 a.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 22, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday, March 22

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 22, 12.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 1.30 p.m.
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K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 22, Noon.
Reg. Mar. 22, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 22, Noon.
Reg. Mar. 22, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for United-Kingdom.
K. P. O.
Parcels, ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels, ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.

Sunday, March 23

Holhow 8.30 a.m.
Canton 5 p.m.

Monday, March 24

Straits and Calcutta
Parcels Mar. 24, 11 a.m.
Letters Mar. 24, Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.

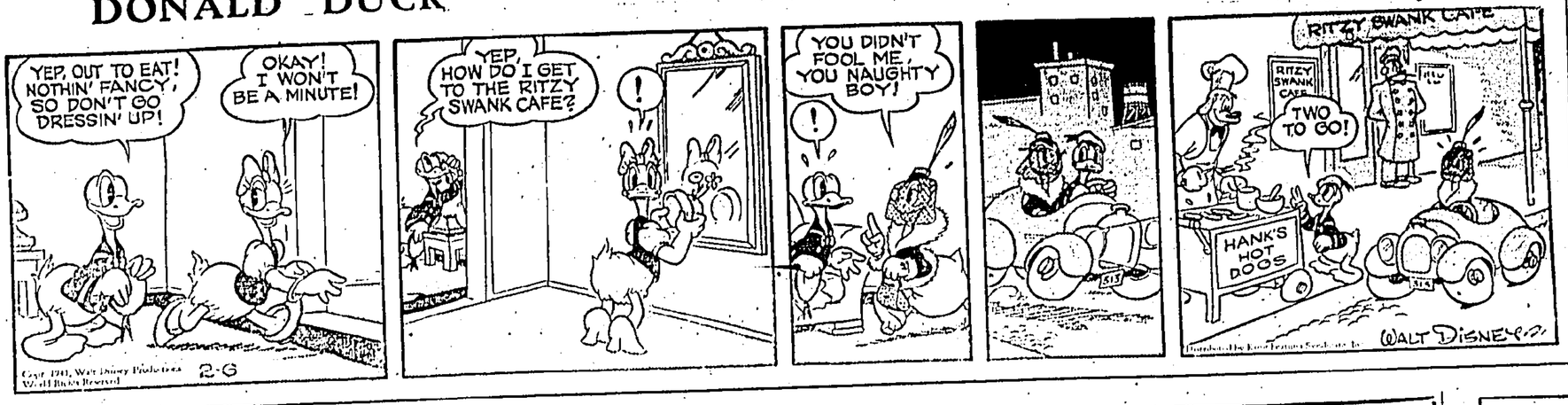
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Ord., ...Mar. 25, 11 a.m.
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HATE GROWS IN A TORTURED COUNTRY

A Picture of Rumania To-day

by Donald J. Hall

(noted expert on Rumania and author of many books on that country)

The apparently suicidal road which Rumania has taken has two main causes, her geographical position between Germany and Russia, and the extraordinary ignorance of Rumanian public opinion. Long before the Germans took physical control, their pressure by threats had produced such a censorship that the country had very little idea not only of what was going on in the outside world but of what even its own leaders were doing. The Rumanian broadcasts from London were, and still are, about the only source of authentic news.

The appalling political massacre which has taken place recently shows the influence which Nazi methods have had on this tortured country and the lack of any real control of the violent elements in it. Those men who were killed were many of them men who knew too much about the Germans' plans.

The events in Rumania which have followed the Germans' loud declamations about the benefits of their "new order" in South-East Europe, have provided the most striking example of just what that "new order" brings. Whatever the mistakes made by Rumania's politicians in the past, and the corruption that has been rampant for years, it is fair to say that Rumania has been remarkably self-contained and contented.

Nazi Germany has changed all that. It has seized half of Transylvania, the precious province regarded by the Rumanians as the cradle of their people, it is stripping the land of food supplies, so that there, where there has always been such an abundance as to make the traveller think he had come to a land of milk and honey, there is a growing shortage of necessities of life. On top of this, the legal system of the "new order" has come into force—the seizure of property without just cause, the execution of men without trial, and all the horrors of the Gestapo.

But in Rumania, as everywhere, is increasing evidence that this "new order" is going to be one of the most important factors in destroying Nazi Germany. Already the confusion which has resulted from German intrigue is producing that dislocation of business and traffic which is most upsetting for the Germans.

The fear of Germany is growing steadily in all classes to bitter hatred. The magnificent fight which the Greeks are making, the reports of British successes which are filtering through, help to encourage the suffering Rumanians.

There may not be much that they can do openly as yet, but from my knowledge of Rumania I am sure that the German occupation is going to be made increasingly uncomfortable.

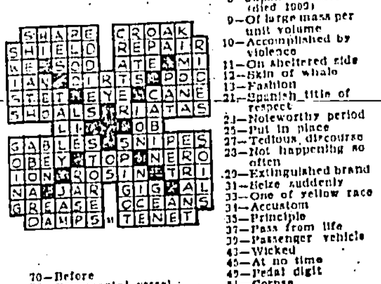
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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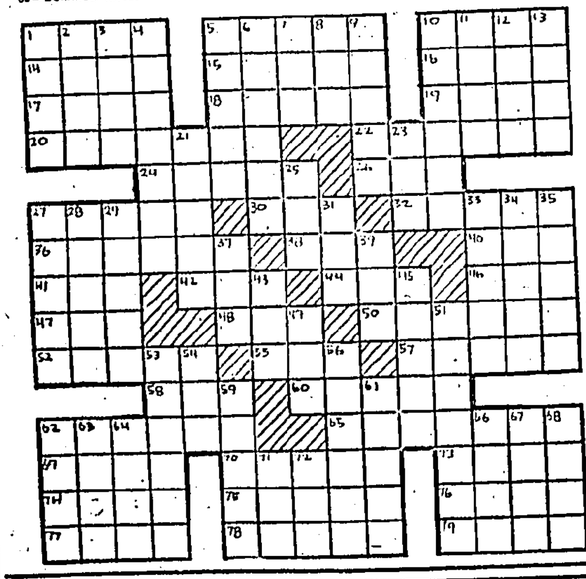
1—Charts
6—Plant-louse
10—Agricultural tract
14—In India, children's nurse
15—Coat with metal
16—Medley
17—Turkish coins
18—Textile fiber
19—Remove forcibly
20—Branch of tarin
22—Withdraw from union
24—Payments for use of property
26—Rather than
27—Smooth with beak
30—Siamese measure, equals 44.44 yards
32—Allow to enter
36—Muzzle-loading device for gun
38—Reckoning
40—Single
41—Rounded mass
42—Bone attached to spine
44—Small cake
46—Firearm
47—Have power of sight
48—Take meal
50—Safe
52—Mistake
55—Female deer
57—Gentleman's gentleman
58—Cause to escape
60—Lay in surrounding matter
62—East-Indian herb
65—Not conforming to standards
69—Common metal
70—Before
73—Ornamental vessel
74—Excited with interest
75—Pillow
76—Land of the Irish
77—Minute article
78—Trapped in tree
79—Repose

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Artificially germinated grain
2—Prince of Afghanistan
3—Cut edge off
4—One who cuts with scissors
5—Covering for clothes
6—Fixes permanently
7—Dried grass
8—Japanese statesman (died 1902)
9—Of large mass per unit volume
10—Accomplished by violence
11—On sheltered side
12—Skin of whale
13—Fashion
21—English title of respect
23—Noteworthy period
25—Put in place
27—Tedious discourse
28—Not happening so often
29—Extinguished brand
31—Belize suddenly
33—One of yellow race
34—Accustom
35—Principle
37—Pass from life
39—Passenger vehicle
42—Wicked
43—At no time
45—Pedal digit
49—Corpse
51—Reddish-yellow
54—Alcoholic liquor
56—Come into view
59—Quadruped
61—Beget young
63—Oriental country
64—Hence
66—Dirt from smoke
68—Vetch
67—Egyptian goddess
68—One hundredth dollar
71—Animal hair
72—Natural metal deposit



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Private Life of a Private: Further Extract From the Diary of a Journalist in the Army

TOUGH GUY

DRUMMER-BOYS have gone down in history as a tough bunch. They hop from wheel to perilous wheel of the War Machine and cover themselves with glory.

They are familiar with bayonets before they have learned to handle a safety razor.

They are children of the storm.

It was rather shocking, therefore, to see a drummer with a glum face, sitting by the stove in the hut where we were rehearsing for the Camp Concert.

Behind him, two drummers—one with a cut knuckle, the other with a swollen lip—were indulging in sarcastic commentary.

"Curly's in love!"

"That's it. Curly's in love with a Naffy girl."

Curly said nothing. He shrugged his shoulders and stared at the stove.

A huge Corporal with a mouth like a break-back rat-trap and the eye of an executioner—a gaunt, grim, leather-faced veteran of many campaigns, who for some dark reason is known as "Bears-breath"—leaned against the piano, and looked on moodily.

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IT was obvious that Bears-breath, also, knew the meaning of gloom; of the peculiar, brief, sudden gloom of the soldier, who, committed to the Army for many long years, occasionally thinks of soft beds and white table-cloths.

He took his pipe out of his mouth, and said: "Sup, son? Browned orf?" Curly did not answer.

"Lost yer tongue, son?" "No," said Curly.

Then wassup?" "Nothing."

"How old are ya, son?" "Sixteen."

"Sixteen when?" "To-day."

"So that's it," said the Corporal; and tamped down the fiery ashes in his pipe with an insensitive finger. "Wanna see ya ma an' pa. That it?" Curly shrugged.

"Get 'ny birthday presents, son?" "Nup."

"Dad in work?" "Nup."

"Ma?" "Sick."

"Life ain't all wine-gums and doughnuts, ya know," said Bearsbreath. "I'm all right," said Curly.

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BEARSBREATH left the hut, and then returned. "Ecyar," he said; and dropped into Curly's lap a quarter-pound slab of nut-milk chocolate. "Many appery turns."

"Ta," said Curly.

"'Alf a mo," said Corporal Bearsbreath; and fumbled under his blouse. "Like this?" He held up a canvas belt with money-pouches in it.

It was easy to see that this belt had gone with him through all the vicissitudes of his hard forty years. It was encrusted, from end to end, with dozens of glittering regimental badges and numerals.

Old soldiers treasure such belts, which often represent all that they have to show for a lifetime of soldiering.

Curly said "Coo!"

"I downnit. You can 'ave it," said the Corporal, and stamped out of the hut.

"Let's look!" cried the two other drummers. "Let's see."

"Ain't it a smasher?" said Curly, laughing and sniffing at the same time; while the Lad from the Elephant and Castle, wide-eyed, said: "Wot on earth come over ole Bears-breath?"



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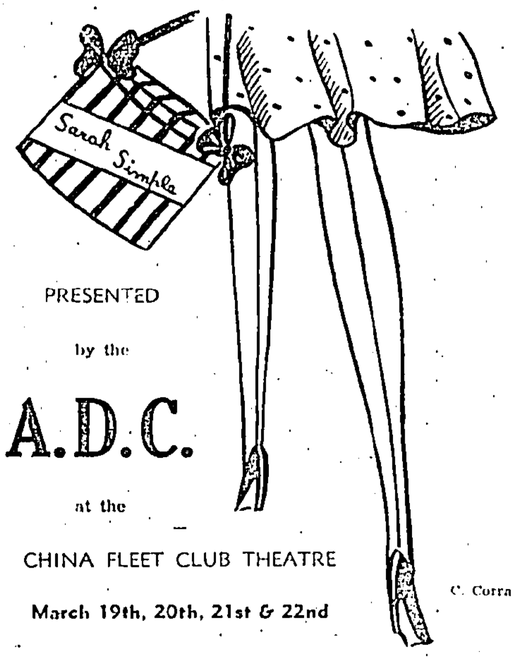
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RICE STORAGE

AMONGST the many emergency problems which Government has been striving to anticipate and provide for during recent months, the most vexatious and complicated has been the accumulation and successful storage of rice for the Colony's tens of thousands of Chinese inhabitants. First move was to secure access to rice imports and simultaneously to control exports, the latter depending on whether import shipments remained normal. The Indo-China trouble seriously upset rice exports from the French colony to Hongkong, and the necessity for maintaining for fullest possible rice reserves became immediately apparent.

Yesterday Mr F. C. Barry, Controller of Rice, painted an encouraging picture of the rice situation at the moment; nevertheless one hesitates to regard it with complete equanimity. Two impressive points emerged from his statement. One, that deterioration in stored rice is inevitable, and that this deterioration could be expected after five to six months of storage; the other, that experiments had demonstrated that rice could be stored without suffering up to two years under an air conditioning system.

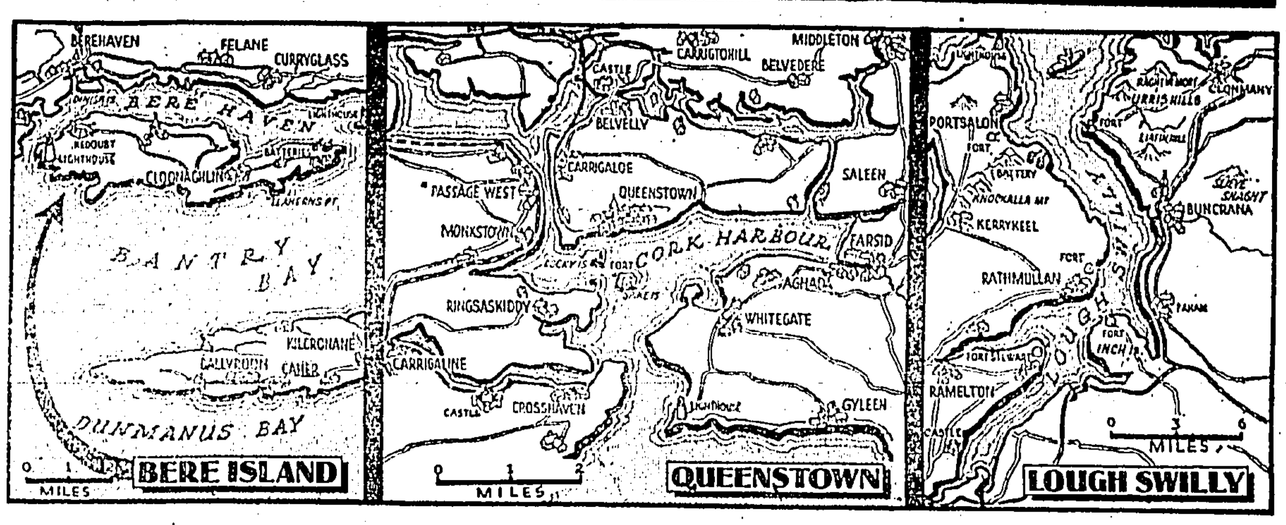
It would appear that the air conditioning experiments, although carried out on a small scale, have been successful, and therefore worthy of closer consideration. If the authorities are satisfied that, under air conditioning, the life of rice can be retained for something like two years without deterioration, the practicability of storing all the rice required for an emergency in air conditioned granaries deserves to be explored.

Biggest obstacle will be expense. It is doubtful whether any existing godowns could be converted to air conditioning except at considerable cost, and the same applies to the erection of specially constructed store houses. Even so, unless, costs are absolutely prohibitive (and where Defence Measures are concerned, it is difficult to know when this stage is reached), this factor should not be allowed to stand in the way, providing the method is guaranteed to be effective.

Perhaps the private householder could be encouraged to have his own air conditioned store room, but clearly this suggestion is ruled out unless Government is willing and ready to see that cheap plant is put on the market, or alternatively that householders are subsidised.

The chief point seems to be for Government to satisfy itself about the efficacy of air conditioning in respect to the storing of rice. If this has been fully demonstrated, future policy should be guided by this assurance.

EIRE'S NAVAL BASES





THE Prime Minister told Parliament on November 5 that "the fact that we cannot use the south and west coasts of Ireland to refuel our flotillas and aircraft and thus protect the trade by which Ireland as well as Great Britain lives, is a most heavy and grievous burden and one which should never have been placed on our shoulders, broad though they may be."

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Later in the debate Mr Lees-Smith, leader of the Labour Opposition said "at the early stage of the war we had ports on the west of Germany, Plymouth and Portsmouth, and then as a result of the French collapse Germany obtained ports on the west of us. Obviously the remedy would be for us to have ports on the west coast of Ireland."

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When on April 25, 1938, Great Britain signed an agreement with the Government of Eire, she renounced all rights, which had been kept under the earlier treaty, to use the naval bases in Eire. The most important of these are in Bantry Bay, Cork Harbour and Lough Swilly. The three maps above show what valuable harbours these are and how easily they could be protected. At the present time the only harbours in the whole of Ireland available to us are those in Ulster.

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The smaller map, that of the whole island, also shows how advantageously are these ports placed for rapid and constant protection of the Atlantic sea routes used by our shipping. Mr de Valera on November 7 stated that so long as Eire remains neutral Britain will not be allowed the use of the ports which she freely surrendered in 1938.

Eire: What Price Neutrality?

By Walter W. Cunningham

CAN EIRE maintain its neutrality in the face of pressure from all sides to abandon it? The future alone can answer that question. Each day the demand in the English press becomes more insistent for the use of the bases which were returned to Eire in 1938. These bases, located at Berehaven, Lough Swilly, and Cobh, are claimed to be vital to the British Navy in its task of dealing with the growing menace to its sea lanes from U-boats, raiders, and planes.

In the last war, the convoy system proved a sufficient answer to the U-boat. Since then things have changed. The coast of France is now in the hands of the Germans, and Nazi machines and ships are able to operate from Brest, Bordeaux, and Lorient, thus seriously hampering, if not virtually closing, one of the most important approaches to the British Isles. Moreover, Italy is uniting its forces in the attack upon the British blockade, convoy, and patrol arrangements.

In view of this multiple threat, the question of Eire's neutrality has come to the forefront. Eire, through its Premier, Eamon De Valera, has warned the world that it will resist invasion by any belligerent. It is not unsympathetic to the British cause, except in the case of an extremely small minority, but it refuses to jeopardise its peace for the sake of democracy, or any other ideology. It has suffered from wars for 700 years and has no desire to take part in another, particularly where England is concerned.

What of invasion by Germany? The possibility, it claims, has been taken into full consideration. It discounts the argument that the Nazis may try to use Eire as a back door into England, asserting that it has forces sufficient to deal with any eventuality. On this point, the neighbours of Eire are less sanguine. They argue, and with good reason, that Eire's protective fleet is negligible, and that while Eire is reputed to have organised land forces estimated at 250,000 men, its real safety depends upon the British fleet and air forces.

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EIRE wants to be free. It wants no persuasion or coercion from any other state. It wants to keep clear of a war that was not of its own making, and for whose outbreak it takes not the remotest responsibility. It rests secure in the hope that its neutrality will serve as a shield, and will prevent one or other of the combatants from finding an excuse or a motive for committing some overt act. Its statesmen want to go on with the orderly development of its resources.

How realistic this objective is, it is not easy to fathom. Eire is an agricultural country and virtually the whole of its products find a market in England. Before the present war, Eire followed a policy based to a certain degree upon self-containment. It encouraged home industries, and sprinkled factories for the manufacture of much-needed goods all over the country. But the disorganisation of commerce consequent upon the opening of hostilities in Europe had a serious effect upon this enterprise. As the days wore on, the situation grew worse. And, quite recently, Mr De Valera was forced to broadcast the news that Eire's supplies were being rapidly exhausted, and that, if some means of replenishing them were not found, a serious crisis might ensue.

How were the supplies to be brought in? Hardly in British ships, unless in a limited degree. For the British people themselves have had to forego many things to free vessels for service along the coast of Africa, and to carry much-needed planes and munitions from the United States and the Dominions. In the face of all this, how could shipping be diverted to help Eire, which had refused to throw in its lot with Great Britain?

The theory has been advanced by some writers that if an end to partition were offered to Eire, it might come into the war on the side of the forces opposed to aggression. This theory would be difficult to sustain were all the factors to be taken into consideration. In the first place, Mr De Valera has repeatedly asserted that he will never surrender his long-cherished independence, and his opponents hold that it is this independence which has proved the principal barrier to unity. In the second place, Eire wants peace at all costs.

So much for the South. What of the North?

Ulster has never been opposed to union with the South. But it has always made unity contingent upon three conditions:

1. That the German and Italian ambassadors should be asked to leave the country.

2. That Eire should abandon neutrality. "We have either to fight for Britain in every way," said the late Lord Craigavon in a speech, "or we are against her along the horrible dirty path of neutrality."

3. That questions regarding the abolition of partition should be postponed until after the war.

"Was it an unfair thing to ask that all political questions of a disturbing nature of this kind should be laid aside so as not to hamper us in our efforts to beat the enemy?" asked the former Premier. "In the task of beating that enemy I hope that Ulster will be able to play her full part, sharing the sorrows and horrors as well as the rejoicings in the final triumph."

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THE burden of the late Lord Craigavon's thought was aid to Britain, and he put the question to his challengers:

"Would it strengthen and help the defences of Great Britain if the whole of Ulster were neutral like the South? If the Army and the Navy and Air Force were told that this being a neutral part of Ireland, they must retire and go back to their own country, in England, Scotland, and Wales, would that help the British people?"

Lord Craigavon likened the two parts of Ireland to Canada and the United States, which, too, were divided by a boundary. Yet they never sought the elimination of that border line. "There is North America and there is South America," he added. "We have Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland."

It is true he omitted from consideration the religious differences which have kept the two divisions of Ireland apart.



MR DE VALERA, the enigma of Western Europe. Where is his policy leading Eire?

In the South, Roman Catholicism has been recognised by the Constitution as the predominant religion. This has resulted in the North declaring itself, through one of its statesmen, a Protestant state, although this spokesman was careful to say that the Roman Catholic minority had and would always have the same rights and privileges as other religious sects.

Apart from the religious question, there are economic and political problems of a formidable character. There are no tariff and custom restrictions in the trade between Northern Ireland and England, and there are political advantages which accrue to Ulster as a result of its identifying itself with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Unity, therefore, seems out of the question at this time. The issue of the moment is the Irish naval and air bases, which figure so vitally in the subject of Eire's neutrality. It would be wrong to assume, however, that naval and air bases alone in the hands of England would end the U-boat menace. The situation is too serious and complex for that. The heartfelt gratitude expressed upon the announcement that 50 United States destroyers were being transferred to Britain was evidence enough of the crying need for something other than bases. Likewise the constant demand for aeroplanes and war material. Yet the recurrent and insistent appeal through the press and in public for the Irish bases is significant, and indicative of England's plight.

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TO SAY that the situation in Ireland is full of anomalies is to put it mildly. Even if the geographic position is considered, it is not clear. Ulster isn't really Ulster. The six counties of which it is composed are actually only two thirds of the province, for there are nine counties in Ulster. Yet in Parliament and out of it, Northern Ireland is invariably referred to as Ulster. The other 26 counties in Ireland are known as Eire. Now Eire means Ireland. Yet Eire is only part of Ireland. Moreover, Ulster is frequently referred to as the North, and it is no more the North than Eire is the South. Ulster is in the northeast of the country.

Then again, in the South, English is largely spoken but Gaelic is obligatory in the schools.

But all this, although enlightening, is incidental. Issues which in the past have loomed large upon the horizon have now almost vanished in the face of the threat to Western civilisation. Paramount above all other considerations is what is the best course to take. Compromises of various kinds have been suggested, and none of them has come to anything. The outlook, however, is not as bleak as it would seem, for circumstances have a way of altering cases, and circumstances which are approaching in the present war may solve the problem of air and naval bases, without the immediate or direct interference of either belligerent.—*From the "Christian Science Monitor."*

Silk Stockings From Seaweed

Seaweed; collected in peace time from the Hebrides alone to the tune of 400,000 tons a year, is about to be used in Britain on a commercial scale for the production of rayon for stockings, underwear, and other knitted and woven goods.

In explaining the nature of the new textile to the Bradford Society of Dyers and Colourists at Leeds University, Professor J. B. Speakman soaked a piece of it in petrol and set it alight. The petrol simply burned away, leaving the fabric quite unaltered.

Alginic Acid

Seaweed contains between 20 and 30 per cent. of alginic acid, and the new rayon is the result of a discovery for obtaining alginates which are resistant to alkalis. The rayon is non-inflammable because it contains an inorganic material as an essential part of its constitution.

Research work has been going on for about two years, and, as the supply of seaweed is almost inexhaustible and there to be picked up, the present discovery is expected to have an important war time effect in the saving of shipping space.

Library, Supreme Court

American Eagle Squadron

Two Formed In U.K.

(BY "REUTER'S" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

R.A.F. FIGHTER STATION, Mar. 18.—Pilots who are anxious to debunk the quip that they are the "glamour boys" of the R.A.F. and whose one desire is to make their squadron one of which Britain and America will be proud, form the personnel of the American Eagle Squadron I visited to-day.

No Nazi plane came their way while I was there. The enemy no longer takes up all their time over Britain and the squadron have yet to bring down their first victim as a squadron.

Recruits are coming in fast enough to form a second Eagle Squadron; they are now completing operational training in England.

The squadron's tale of impatient longing to get at the enemy is the new cry of many hundreds of veteran British and Allied fighter pilots, whose ranks these young Americans have joined.

Wider Range

The Hurricanes with which they are equipped will help the American Eagles play their part in the operations which will no longer be confined to metropolitan defence, for the enemy must now be sought more often far out to sea and quite often beyond the continental coastline.

The squadron will operate exactly the same way as other fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. and great things are expected of this very shy but determined band of America's first war pilots.

ALBANIAN WAR RESPITE

—Italians Quiet

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The crushing defeat sustained by the Italians when their seven-day offensive on the Albanian front was hurled back has forced them into inactivity, according to the Greek radio.

The only activity was by Greek patrols.

It is not at all certain that reorganisation will permit the enemy to risk another offensive.

U.S.—Larder Of Democracies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1d (Reuter). —President Roosevelt revealed to-day that he had asked the public health service to prepare a list of foods, including vitamins, needed by Britain and other democracies.

Most of the food to be furnished, he said, would be sent to Britain but other democracies were involved and also Spain.

President Roosevelt added that the Red Cross was completing arrangements for two cargoes of food to be sent to Unoccupied France.

Much Travelled Donovan Home

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's "Ambassador-at-Large," arrived here by air after a 26,000-miles tour of the European and African war zones.

Colonel Donovan said that he had obtained information which he hoped would be "of value to the United States in preparation for her own defences."

High U.K. Bomber Production

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—More aircraft, both bombers and fighters, were produced in Britain during February than in any previous month during the war.

This was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Colonel J. J. Llewellin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.



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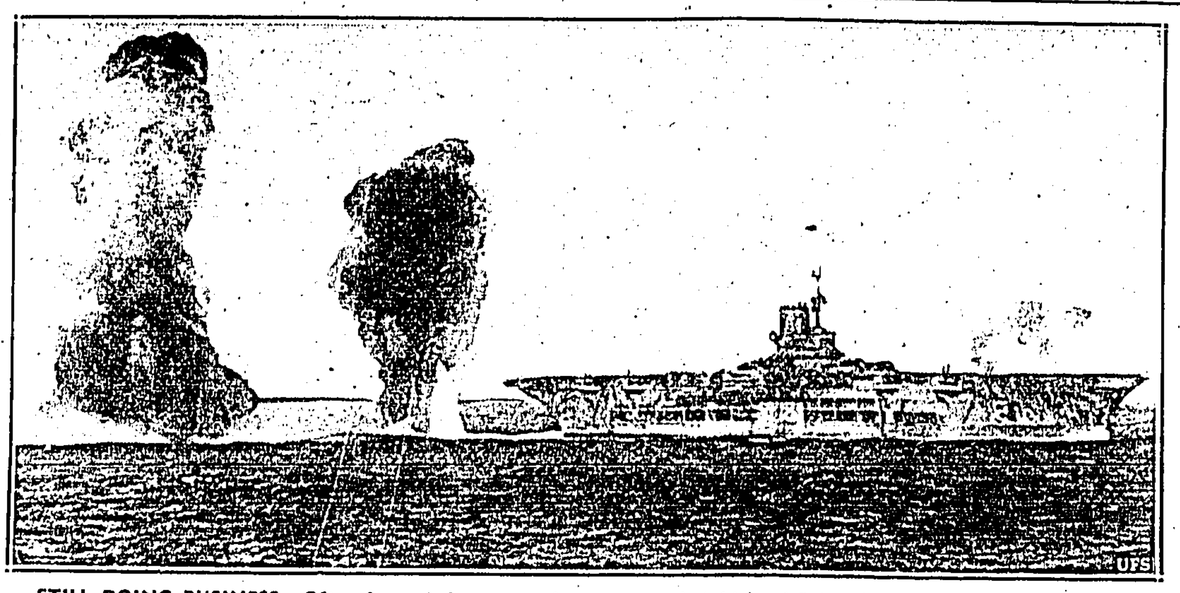


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STILL DOING BUSINESS—Often have Axis communiques reported sinking of Britain's huge aircraft carrier, Ark Royal. But she is still in active service. Here, Italian planes attempt to wreck the ship, but their bombs fall short. Action picture was taken in the Mediterranean.

Observer's Account Of Night Assault On City Of Berbera

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—An epic story of the recapture of Berbera, the capital of British Somaliland, is told in a cable received from Aden to-day.

At one point, the success of the whole operation depended on four men in a boat stealing silently towards the Somaliland coast.

The outstanding impression left by the operation is the "unchangeable loyalty of the Somalis, whose territory had been usurped by the Italians."

About midnight on March 15-16, the liberating fleet, consisting of troopships convoyed by warships, stole silently towards the coast. Clouds scudded across the sky and occasionally allowed the moon to illuminate the flat shore with the mountains beyond.

Previous aerial photographic operations gave the commanders of the expedition full knowledge of the terrain and the assault was planned to force the Italians to divide their already depleted and demoralised forces.

Two landings were planned. The western landing was entrusted to picked Indian troops with supporting engineers and artillery, while the eastern landing was to be carried out by Arabs and Somalis specially recruited at Aden under British officers.

Faith of Somalis

The implicit faith of the Somalis in British ability to restore to them land impressed everyone at Aden.

Four men in a boat had the task of landing without disturbing the enemy and marking out the landing beach.

After an apparently interminable period of waiting, the signal flashed news of the success ful accomplishment of this task. Suddenly at zero hour, like a flash of thunder naval gunfire shattered the quiet night. Naval shells ripped through the air, exploding inland.

It was later learned that although a large number of Italians had left the town under cover of darkness shortly before the British approach, those who remained were sufficiently numerous to require force to crush them.

Away on the right, the western landing force went into action and a way had been paved for the eastern force of Somalis and Arabs to land and advance towards the town two miles away.

Artillery Outclassed

Italian machine-guns and field guns, attempting to stem the assault, were outclassed by the accuracy of the British naval fire which was more praiseworthy in view of the murky and cloudy nature of the night.

The Somalis and Arabs continued to advance and news came of the complete success of the major attack in the west.

By 9.20 a.m. all was over; Berbera was again in British hands. Over 100 prisoners were taken while the British casualties were negligible.

Even during the bombardment, the inhabitants of Berbera came running to meet the British forces, waving Union Jacks and Somali flags which had been hidden from the Italians.

The Italians had blown up the pass on the road to Sheik but the Somalis were already busy repairing it to aid the British pursuit.

Miserable Prisoners

Within a few hours of reoccupation, transports and stores were being landed and the British officers examined the forlorn and miserably-equipped Italian prisoners.

The major commanding them burst into tears when handing over his revolver. "I am an old soldier," he said, epitomising the general feeling regarding the degradation to which Mussolini's African gamble has led a once free and cultured people.

Ambush In India

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—One Indian officer and one Indian other rank were killed and one British officer and two Indian other ranks were wounded, when a staff car was ambushed on the Bannu-Mirali road.

Crack Liner Bremen Badly Damaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 18 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the fire on the liner Bremen has been extinguished, but that the liner has been severely damaged.

De Valera Said Afraid Of I.R.A.

Ald. Luke Hogan, leader of the Liverpool Labour Party, speaking recently on the Eire neutrality problem, said this of De Valera:—

"He is a strange man. His sincerity is beyond question, and his position as leader of the people of Eire unchallenged.

"Sometimes I think he is afraid that should he make a gesture to this country the I.R.A. might give him a great deal of trouble.

"But hesitancy and timidity will not make for leadership."

TOKYO-SOFIA

Invitation To Open Markets In Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 18 (Domei).—The visiting Bulgarian economic envoy Mr Fulsanoff, was the host at a reception given at the Imperial Hotel by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry this afternoon. Addressing the party, the Bulgarian envoy explained the economic conditions obtaining in the Balkans and invited Japanese traders to cultivate new markets there.

Indian Princes

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Princes' Chamber has recorded its heartiest gratification at the victories in Albania and Africa and its pride in the magnificent part played by Italian troops.

Plead "Not Guilty"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Manager of the Trans-Ocean News Agency Dr Zapp, and his assistant Herr Tonn, pleaded not guilty in the United States District Court to an indictment charging failure to comply with the Foreign Registration Act of 1938.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

The tone of the market is better though so far prices have not shown any appreciable advance.

Buyers

Unions Ins. $425
Wharves $93.25
Docks "O" $16.25
Providents $5.15
Hotels $3.10
Lands $31.75
Humphreys $6.70
Realties $3.05
Lights "O" $6.20
Electrics "O" $41
Electrics "N" $40.90
Macao Electrics "O" $17.60
Macao Electrics "N" $16.50
Telephones "O" $24
Cements $17.10
Watsons $10.80

Sellers

Realties $3.25
Trams $16.75
Telephones "O" 24.50

Sales

H.K. Banks $1,340
Docks "O" $16.50
Docks "N" $15.90
Providents $5.15/20
Telephones "O" $24/24.25
Ropes $8.15
Watsons $11

Votes to be presented to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow total $519,850, made up mostly of small amounts. Among large items, $90,000 is required for A.R.P. Medical stores, $34,000 towards rent allowances for European subordinate officers of the Civil Service, and $35,000 as expenses for extraction of timber being cut in the New Territories.

Mrs Christine Sadick Laid To Rest

The funeral of Mrs Christine Sadick, wife of Mr O. R. Sadick, of the Metropolitan Land Company, took place at the Mchammedan Cemetery yesterday, Mulvi Noor Shah officiating.

Mrs Sadick, whose death occurred unexpectedly at her residence on Monday, was 27 years of age. She was a sister of Mr George Wu.

Those present at the funeral were Messrs A. Duff, E. B. Maghee, J. C. Lang, J. E. Kotwall, Dr and Mrs K. W. Chaun, Mrs M. H. Chaun, Miss Catherine Chaun, Miss Hesta Chaun, Miss Helen B. Yu, Messrs F. W. Law, K. W. Lee, Y. C. Mok, K. Y. Pun, M. K. Kwok, V. K. Jun, Leung Yaun, L. Gardener, Miss E. M. Sequeira, K. F. Cheng, Y. O. Chaw, A. Hung, E. R. Markar, A. H. Hamet, Y. C. Kan, B. J. Chew, Dr and Mrs C. W. Ho.

Wreathes were sent by the following.—Mrs and Mrs D. Tsang, Mr and Mrs Wong Cho-choy, Dr and Mrs K. S. Shin, Mr and Mrs S. T. Shin, Mr and Mrs G. Goshing and family, Mr and Mrs G. van Bergen and family, Messrs. Leung Sik-kai, Yuen Pak-chung, Wong Ka-chung, Wong Ying-wah, Lee Chui-yai, Chan Ching-our, Ho Kwok-cheung, Fung Chik-chee, Mrs and Mrs J. C. Lang and family, Miss Chanaloy, Messrs Kwan Yiu-tai, N. F. Wong, Wong Shek-yung, Y. C. Koh, Y. C. Yuen, Wong Sek-cheong, Mok York-chau, J. F. da Silva, F. J. Molina, F. S. Shiu, Miss T. H. Shiu, Dr and Mrs C. W. Ho, Miss E. M. Sequeira, Mr and Mrs B. J. Chew, Mr and Mrs Cau Hiu-hwa, Dr and Mrs K. W. Chaun, Miss Helen B. Yu, Miss Catherine Chaun, Miss Esther Chaun, Mrs H. Chaun, Mr and Mrs C. L. Chui, Miss Elly Loan, Messrs A. Hung, Ng S. Cheong, Mr and Mrs R. Markar, Mr and Mrs A. G. Markar, Mr and Mrs L. A. Ramjahn, Mr and Mrs R. S. Chao, Mr and Mrs M. Kwok, Miss H. Y. Lok, Miss A. Xavier, Mr and Mrs Lai Im-tong, Messrs E. B. Maghee, Cheung Wing-shing, K. J. Cheng, Mr and Mrs Y. R. Chau, Mr and Mrs K. Y. Pun, Mr and Mrs J. A. Duff.

The Underwriters Bank, Metropolitan Land Company, Reliance Motor Ltd, Staff of Reliance Motor Ltd, Eastman Kodak Company, Staff of Government Assessment Department.

Raid Warning To Two Indian Districts

DIBRUGARH, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur District has warned the people of Digboi and Tinsukia to be ready for possible air attacks.

Cannes, Mar. 17.

M. Nicolas Titulesco, veteran Rumanian diplomat, died here to-day at the age of 59. He was a member of the Rumanian delegation at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919 and has assumed the Foreign portfolio of the Rumanian Government several times until August, 1934.—*Domei.*

OVERSEAS AIRWAYS

Local Office Closing At End Of Month

After having been established in the Colony for the last five years, the Hongkong office of the British Overseas Airways Corporation—formerly Imperial Airways (Far East) Limited—will be closed at the end of this month.

Enquiries for passenger accommodation or other information may be obtained fom Travel Agents, as from next month.

The first office in the Colony was opened in March, 1936, and the first Imperial Airways Service arrived in Hongkong on March 24 of that month. The first plane to inaugurate the weekly service between Hongkong and London left here on March 27, 1936.

Originally, the service operated via the Penang route, but this was later changed to connect with the main line at Bangkok. The Hongkong-Bangkok service has been suspended since last October, and no bookings are possible by air from Hongkong.

On April 1, 1940, the British Overseas Airways Corporation acquired the undertakings of the two companys Imperial Airways, Limited, and British Airways, Limited, and at the end of last year the Corporation absorbed Imperial Airways (Far East) Limited, whose original headquarters were in Hongkong.

Clipper Due To-morrow

The California Clipper, scheduled to stop in Manila and return to San Francisco on this trip, is coming through to Hongkong, and is expected to arrive at Kai Tak airport at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow. She will leave the following day at 8.30 a.m. and will be followed by the American Clipper, which is due here on March 25.

Americans To Leave Unoccupied France

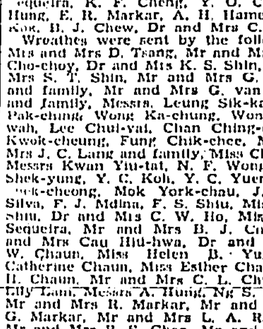
LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—American citizens in Unoccupied France have been asked by the United States Embassy to leave, according to a Paris dispatch to the German official news agency.

The agency adds that their permits will not be renewed.

Indian Trade Officers

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Raj spokesman announced that Indian Trade Commissioners will shortly be appointed to Canada and South America.

Sir F. E. James suggested in the Assembly that the appointment of representatives to Burma and Malaya would not be overlooked.



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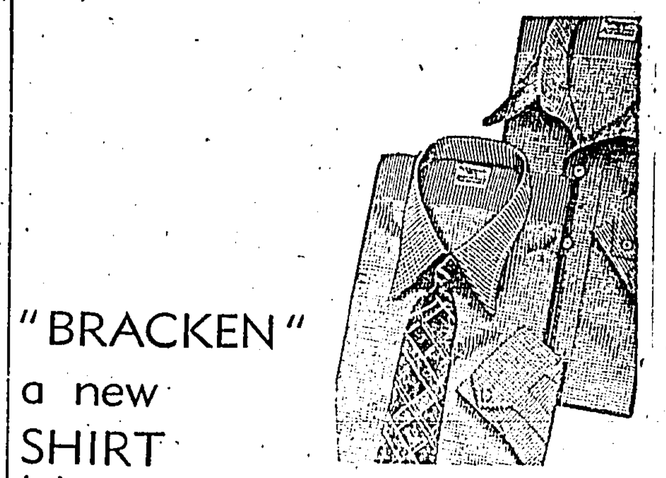
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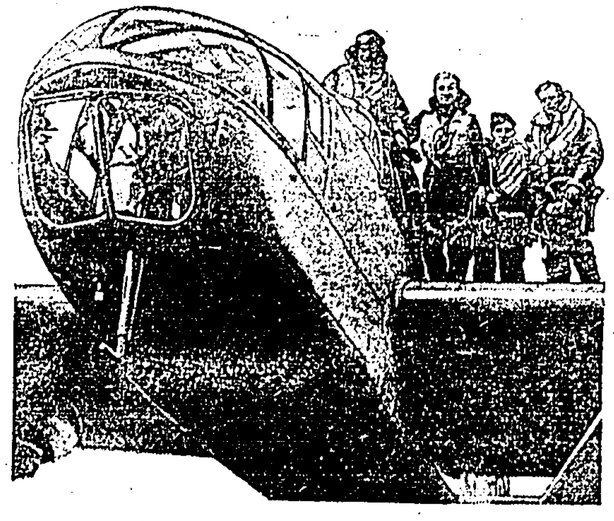
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Around The Courses

Australians Aid Red Cross Fund

Gutta Percha v. Modern Ball Match At New South Wales

(By "Birdie")

EMULATING the Ancient v. Modern match that was arranged by Henry Cotton at Home last year, Australian golfers recently played one of their own in aid of the War Funds. This, actually, was for the Soldiers' Comforts Fund, but many others have been played for the Red Cross Fund.

In this match of gutta-percha ball v. the modern rubber-cored ball, Sam Bolger (N. S. Wales professional champion, and 1936 Open champion) partnered Sam Richardson (1935 N. S. Wales professional champion) against Fred Popplewell (1925 and 1928 Open champion) and Victor James and lost 2 and 1, using the gutta-percha ball.

Bolger, with hickory shafted clubs, went round in 79 (eight over par for the Bonnie Doon course, N.S.W.) and Richardson, with steel shafts, took 81. They slammed and slammed, but the little solid ball would not go.

The veterans with the rubber-cored balls out-drove their opponents by 50-60 yards with the wind, and by 80-90 yards against the wind. And after about a dozen holes, the gutta-percha balls began to swerve, wobble and dive like snipe, especially against the wind.

At one hole—540 yards against the wind—it took Richardson three perfectly-hit woods to reach the green!

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FORTY-TWO birdies in 129 holes were scored by Harry Hattersley (1930 Open champion) and Sam Richardson in a recent pro and amateur knock-out foursomes competition for the War Funds. This was the first time that amateurs and pros have ever associated in the same tournament in Australia.

Duchesses and maids serve side by side at Home, and now here's another fetish broken. War breaks down many artificial barriers.

In challenge matches for the Red Cross, however, no combination of pros has been able to defeat Allan Waterson (who beat Jim Ferrier in the last N.S.W. amateur championship) and D. J. Davies, (who was runner-up).

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THE return match between the Country Club and Kowloon has been definitely fixed for March 30 on the Sheungshui course. The teams will be fourteen-a-side with singles in the morning and fourballs in the afternoon.

It was hoped to arrange the return match for the women on the same day, but Kowloon are already committed to a match that day, so the game with the Country Club will be held on a later date at Sheungshui.

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THE courses have been very wet. Two Sundays, though, have been remarkable in that they dawned with heavy rains, but the sun shone before the day was over. There was quite a bit of casual water on the first, second and third fairways at Sheungshui, but the course was playable.

The first at Kowloon retained and still has much water. These, however, are the months wherein it is permissible to pick up and drop plugged balls at Kowloon without penalty.

The second green at the latter course has been improved (though one or two players do not think so) in that it has been enlarged and slopes. Attempt has been made to undulate the surface, and putts thereon are now subject to trigonometrical calculation, for, unless one is putting uphill, it is a very difficult three.

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JIM Ferrier won the Miami Open—which included professionals, and which is an American Tournament—yet when L. D. Carson went down to the Philippines last month and wanted to enter for the P. I. Open, the Tennis officials told him that if he did so he would be barred from the tennis competition because in the Golf Competition there was a prize of $5,000, and in playing he would have been classed as a professional!

It seems a rather novel departure from the usual rules of an "Open" tournament. As I understand it, in "Open" competitions, the first amateur is awarded a trophy of some sort, and the first professional takes the money prize. How then was Carson affected?

Programme For April Meeting

Following is the programme for the meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held on April 6:

Chinshan Handicap.—China ponies E Class. Six Furlongs. Entries will be divided into three sections at the discretion of the handicapper.

Lingnan Handicap.—China ponies D Class. Five Furlongs.

Lung Chen Handicap: Forced entry for Y Class China ponies. One Mile.

Shekki Plate China Ponies, X Class. Six Furlongs.

Entries close on March 27, at Noon.

Badminton

Further Matches In Colony Championship

TWO MATCHES in the Junior Singles, one in the Junior Doubles and a Mixed Doubles match comprised the Colony Badminton Championship programme at the Club de Recreio last night. Results were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

W. E. Gillespie beat A. L. Gordon 15-3, 15-7; T. S. Young beat J. Tsang 18-13, 16-16.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies beat W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung 15-3, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

H. C. and Miss D. Eardley beat W. E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong; 15-7, 15-6.

The best match of the evening was that between Young and Tsang in the Singles. Players were evenly matched, and every point was hotly contested. Young, if anything, was superior at the net, and this was the deciding factor of the game. Tsang smashed well, though Young, as often as not, was able to return the shuttle.

In each of the remaining games, it was the case of the better players (and greatly so) who won. W. E. Gillespie after winning his singles was seen in action a second time for the evening when he partnered Miss F. Wong against H. C. and Miss Decima Eardley, former Shanghai champions.

Army Snooker

R.E. Sergeants Take Lead From Medicals

DEFEATING Signals Corporals 6-0, Engineer Sergeants have wrested the leadership of the garrison snooker league from Medical Corps for the first time since the start of the tournament.

Medicals were only a point ahead prior to the Sergeants' victory and could register only a 4-2 win over Engineers A, which placed them a point in arrears.

The last match of the season will be played to-morrow when Engineer Sergeants and Medical Corps meet at Whitfield Barracks. Medicals cannot afford to draw in this decisive game for the Windsor Shield.

Results

Four matches were played on Monday, the results being.—Artillery Sergeants (Stanley) beat Pay Corps 5-1; Medicals beat Engineers A 4-2; Engineer Sergeants beat Signals Corporals 6-0; Signals A and Military Police drew 3-3.

Following is the table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Engineer Sergeants	13	9	2	2	53
R.A.M.C.	13	8	1	4	52
R.A. Sgts (Stanley)	13	6	2	5	44
Police	13	2	4	7	37
Engineers A	13	2	5	6	33
Pay Corps	13	3	6	4	32
Signals A	13	2	8	2	30
Signals Corporals	13	2	7	4	29

International Cup Final

The following soccer teams have been selected to represent England and Scotland in the final of the *Sunday Herald* Cup at Boundary Street on April 6:

England.—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Roughley (Navy), Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police), Bright (Middlesex) Captain, Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), le Page (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Saw (Middlesex), Marrable (Middlesex). Reserves.—Moxham (R.E.), Parker (Middlesex), Britt (Navy), Parker (Police), Forrow (Club); Fox (R.E.), Barber (Navy), Coomer (Middlesex).

Scotland.—Bankier (Scots); Naysmith (Scots), Fraser (Scots) Captain; Munro (Scots), Birrell (R.E.), Clarke (Scots); Garry (Scots), Ferrier (Police), Horsack (Scots), Howlett (Police), Marshall (Scots).

Reserves.—Blackburn (Police), Lamb (Kowloon), Gilroy (Scots), Hutchison (Signals), Scott (Club).



Volleyball . . . South China "A" beat King's College 21-11 in this volleyball match at the Botanic Athletic Ground on Sunday.—*Sun Ying-ming Studio.*

Inauspicious Opening Of Tennis Championships

Results According To Book

OPENING MATCHES of the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club last night provided nothing by which to mark the occasions. The Tsui brothers were on view, as was H. D. Rumjahn but their opposition was nothing very great. The Japanese entrants, O. Umetani and T. Imura, showed promise, though they, too, had an easy passage into the next round.

Results were:

OPEN SINGLES

H D. Rumjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthins 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.

Once more it seems that the same players are to reach the final stages. These, it is true, were but the first matches of the Tournament, but if they are any criterion there has been little or no improvement in the Colony tennis.

Typical Tsui's

THE TSUI brothers put up a show typical of their early matches. They took the first set easily, and though credit must be given to their opponents for improvement in the second, the Tsuis had slackened off.

H. D. Rumjahn, at no period, was extended by W. J. Howard. The Japanese players were new material, and though guilty of several errors in the opening set, settled down to tennis that showed promise.

Results of the Club competitions were:

Club Handicap Singles.—H. Van Leeuwem beat L. P. Ralph 6-3, 6-4; A. T. Dow beat M. A. Biereus de Haan 6-0, 6-3.

Club Handicap Doubles.—D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop beat N. Spence and E. Newton 6-8, 6-2, 6-2.

Match Cancelled

To-day's rugby game between Club A and Navy A has been cancelled as Club are unable to field a team.

Cricket Teams

The following will represent Craigengower against Indians in a first division league cricket match on Saturday at Sookunpoo.—E. Zimmern (Capt), A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, T. Locke, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young, Saye.

INTER-UNIT LEAGUE

The following will represent the Artillery against Engineers in the semi-final of the large units knockout competition at 2 p.m. to-day at Sookunpoo, to decide who will play Combined Small Units in the final.—Brig. T. McLeod, Major C. R. Templer, Capt P. J. T. Skipwith, Lieut L. J. A. Fellden, Lieut Pearce, Lieut J. L. C. Pearce, Lieut K. Allanson, Lieut J. Fox, Lieut Plummer, Lieut D. Clague, Gnr Barsby. Reserve, Gnr Dobbinson

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941,** commencing at **2.00 p.m.**

The First Bell will be rung at **1.30 p.m.**

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at **11.45 a.m.**

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Softball At Night

Suggestions For Local Enthusiasts To Consider

Flood-Light Advantages

(By "Ball Fan")

THE EXASPERATION of softball postponements due to various reasons with the acknowledged one week wait before resuming schedule, has its discouraging repercussions especially toward the end of each year's schedule when Hongkong's rainy season puts in its depressing appearance, just about the time when the pennant chase is at its sizzling point.

With the growing popularity of this game in the Colony, night softball, or softball under the floodlights should take a commanding spot in the so-called "improvement of this game" in Hongkong.

In Canada and the United States, hundreds of softball fields from coast to coast have presented night games for years, and the number is growing annually. Successful play under floodlights demands a high level of illumination, so distributed that the field itself and the ball as it flies through the air, can be seen clearly from all positions by both players and spectators.

Advantages

SOFTBALL'S years of experience with night games have definitely proved that teams play as well at night as in daylight; in fact the advantages are manifold. With proper floodlighting, play is often speeded up and made easier.

This may be proven by the fact that from the first pitch to the final out, the light never varies. Players are never handicapped by the change from glaring sunlight to dark shadows, encountered as a daytime or twilight game progresses. Under floodlighting every part of the playing field is lighted evenly and stays that way throughout the game.

And a white ball is much easier and more quickly seen against a background of black sky than against a light sky during the day.

After A Weary Day

FROM an active as well as a commercial point of view, more games could be played during the season, attracting greater crowds. Here in the Colony practically all athletic events are held during the week-ends, resulting in a divided attendance at the different sporting attractions.

In the evenings during the week, ball fans after a hard day's work would find real relaxation and enjoyment in a rip-roaring, lingo filled softball session as we have them here during our Sunday confabs at the Kowloon ball park.

Greater crowds and new converts to this amazingly popular game would be the result.

American Methods

IN America, most softball parks which have night games have floodlights located in groups or banks at advantageous points. This way of grouping appears to produce better results than lights which are in a continuous row encircling the playing area.

A most important factor lies in the fact that there must be a minimum of glare or shadow, so that neither players nor spectators will be annoyed by, nor conscious of, light from the lamps.

Another essential point in the successful operation of night games is the proper focusing of the floodlights which has an important bearing in bringing out the maximum effort of an active player as well as giving the gashouse faithful complete comfort all round.

With softball really coming into its own in the Colony and gradually wending its way up the ladder to the pinnacle of Hongkong's major sporting attractions, the floodlight or night game should be an accepted fact here, in the not too distant future.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The following are the soccer fixtures for Saturday:

WAR CUP

Third Round, South

Chelsea v. Queen's P.R.; Mansfield v. Leicester; Tottenham v. Cardiff.

Third Round, North

Manchester C. v. Everton; Middlesbro' v. Newcastle; Sheffield U. v. Barnsley; Tranmere v. Preston N.E.

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Fulham; Millwall v. Arsenal; West Ham v. Reading.

LEAGUE, SOUTH

Bournemouth v. Portsmouth; Brighton v. Luton; Watford v. Southampton.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Crystal Pal. v. Brentford; Notts C. v. Lincoln; Stoke v. West Brom.

NORTH REGIONAL

Bolton v. Bury; Bradford C. v. Stockport; Doncaster v. Chesterfield; Halifax v. Burnley; Hull v. Grimsby; Leeds v. Sheffield W.; Liverpool v. Oldham; Manchester U. v. Southport; New Brighton v. Wrexham.

WEST REGIONAL

Bath v. Lovells; Bristol City v. Aberaman; Cardiff Corinthians v. Swansea.

SCOTTISH CUP

Celtic v. Airdrie; Partick v. Motherwell; Albion v. St Mirren; Hamilton v. Dumbarton; Third Lanark v. Dumbarton; Falkirk v. Rangers; Hibernian v. Clyde; Queen's Park v. Hearts.

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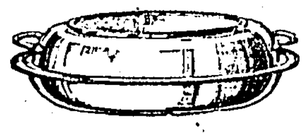
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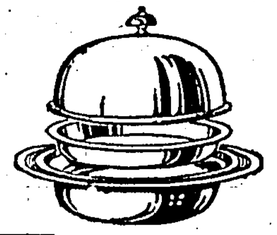
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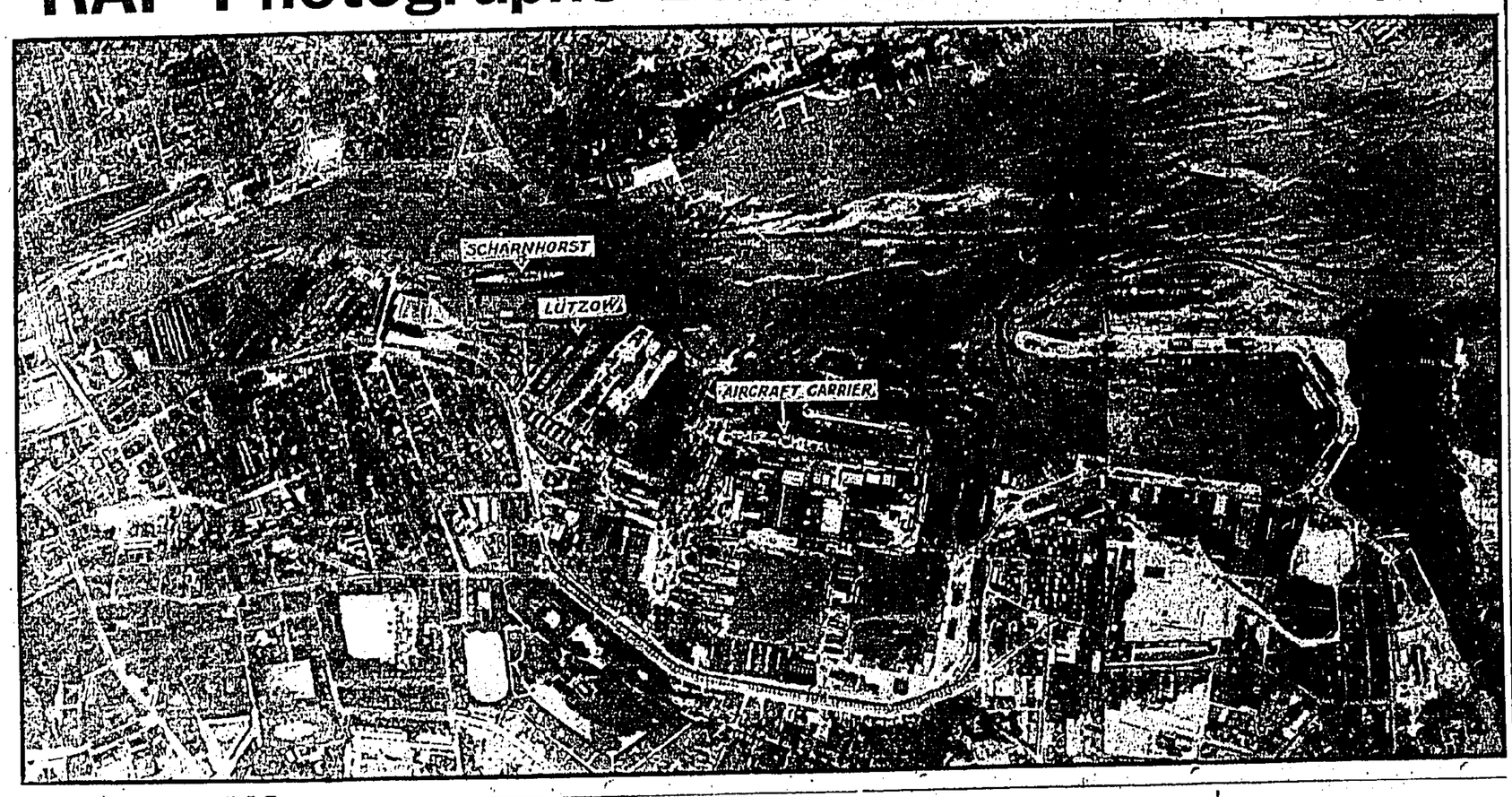
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RAF Photographs Battered Nazi Warships



HERE is an R.A.F. picture of battered warships at Kiel, which has been kept secret from the Nazis ever since the summer, when it was taken.

It has not been published before because the authorities did not want the Germans to know that we had such conclusive evidence of the condition and whereabouts of German warships.

Kiel is probably the most strongly defended war centre in the whole of Germany.

Yet our airmen, in face of balloon barrage, A.A. fire, and possible interception from fighters, were able to go over Kiel in daylight to take a series of remarkable photographs.

Tell-Tale Oil

At the time they were taken nearly every acre of water in the spacious harbour was streaked with oil, as the picture on the left, which is made up of three of the photographs, plainly shows.

Not long before the day on which the pictures were obtained the R.A.F. had carried out a heavy night raid on Kiel, and our pilots then reported particularly large fires.

The tell-tale streaks of oil in the picture almost certainly prove that oil installations were badly hit during the raid.

Well-known German warships, battered in various degrees, are seen undergoing repair.

They include the Scharnhorst, 26,000-tons battle-cruiser, lying helpless in a floating dock, showing unmistakable signs of bomb havoc, and the pocket battleship Lutzow (formerly the Deutschland) in dry dock with severe damage to the stern following a torpedo attack by a British submarine.

Badly Mauled

Stereoscopic pictures clearly indicate how badly mauled was this ex-Deutschland.

As she lies in the dry dock it can be seen that her stern is stripped to the keel.

The Graf Zeppelin, 19,250 tons aircraft carrier, which at the time the pictures were taken was being completed at Kiel, had been moved from her berth when further photographs were obtained a few days later.

Apparently the Nazis had taken to heart the lesson of the Scharnhorst which, there is every reason to believe, had been hit by bombs as she lay in the floating dock at Kiel, and had thereby suffered damage over and above that received while she was at sea.

The Nazis evidently decided to get such a large target as the Graf Zeppelin out of Kiel harbour as quickly as possible.

NAZI SOLDIERS TOLD HER OF THEIR FEARS

"It will be just like the other war. . . . How can we defeat England without invading it—how can we invade England without being defeated?" That was how German officers in occupied France talked to the wife of M. Pierre Krier, Luxembourg's Minister of Labour, who had to spend nearly six months in the Nazi-controlled territory.

M. Krier, veteran trade unionist and Socialist leader of the "pocket Grand Duchy," who recently reached London, told a "Daily Herald" of his wife's experiences. He told, too, of bitter rivalry between the regular German army and the picked Nazi S.S. formations.

When his country was invaded by the Germans in May—for the second time within 25 years—M. Krier first settled, with his staff, in Dijon, Burgundy.

Second Flight

But within one month he had to escape again. He arrived in Lisbon during the autumn.

Part of the Luxembourg Cabinet, with the Grand Duchess and her family, went to Canada.

It was decided that the Foreign Minister, M. Bech, and the Minister of Labour should go to London and keep in touch with the British Government.

During the invasion of France, M. Krier was separated from his wife, Madame Lily Krier-Becker, well-known in the International Socialist movement.

For nearly six months she had to stay in the German occupied zone.

It was only in December that she managed to get out of France and saw her husband again in Lisbon. Then she went across to Canada.

She speaks German fluently, and it was of her experiences, first in a little town in Burgundy and later in Paris, that M. Krier spoke.

Polite Opening

"In the first week of the invasion," he said, "everybody in France was agreeably surprised by the politeness of the German troops."

"But the feeling of relief soon vanished when the fighting troops were followed by the black-uniformed S.S. detachments, which became the masters.

"These men were rude, ruthless, haughty. They did all the dirty work of arresting, searching, questioning and requisitioning which the people had feared.

"'Les Quarante-Quatre, voila les mechants. . . . (The forty-Fours—those are the wicked men') became a current phrase among the French."

It referred to the special S.S. badge on armlets and caps, a "lightning" symbol which recalls the figure forty-four.

The officers and men of the regular army did not conceal their disgust and hatred for the S.S., said M. Krier.

Snubbed S.S. Men

They openly talked about it to the French people. "We are Germans," they said, "but these men are Nazis."

They also complained about the higher pay of the S.S.—who were never sent into the battle—and could afford champagne and better wines and food than army pay would buy.

"Often German officers or soldiers sitting in restaurants and cafes would ostentatiously leave as soon as S.S. men stepped in," declared M. Krier.

"My wife had to get permission in the little Burgandy town where she was caught by the invasion, to leave for Paris in order to get away from France.

"So she had frequently to talk at the local 'Kommandantur' with the army officers in charge of the travelling permits.

"That was in August.

They Saw Defeat

"The officers—mostly elderly men, reserve officers who had fought in the last war—were outspoken in their pessimism.

"They often said to my wife:—

"'It will happen exactly like in the other war—one success after another, then we lose the whole war!'

"My wife arrived in Paris in the first days of September.

"She observed the same signs of antagonism between the army and the S.S.

"She even heard S.S. men grumbling about some of their own officers, boys of 22 or 23, who had secured promotion through 'recommendation by some Party boss.'

"The German army officers and men in Paris had enjoyed life for more than two months—with much money to spend on drinks and food.

The Marching Men

"One day the Parisians saw long military columns marching to the Gare du Nord.

"Everybody was struck by the complete change in these men overnight. They marched like automata, with 'faces of stone'—like men who realised that their merry life had been only a last respite before certain death.

"These were the troops bound for the North of France as the invasion army against Britain. They knew what it meant for them."

Advised C.O.s To Disobey Army Orders

While denying that the Peace Pledge Union was in any way concerned with helping men to avoid military service, Mr Richard L. Bishop, chairman of the Union in Wales, stated recently that it sometimes advised conscientious objectors to join up and then refuse to obey orders.

Mr Bishop was giving evidence, at a field general court martial, at Liverpool, in favour of a conscientious objector accused of disobeying an order.

The accused was Private Reginald Gordon Jenkins, of the non-combatant corps, attached to the Pioneer Corps, who pleaded guilty to refusing to lay out his kit for inspection when ordered to do so.

A number of other members of the non-combatant corps, all conscientious objectors, were charged with similar offences. Sentences were to be promulgated.

Nazis Now Modify Colonial Claims

The possibility that the Nazis are preparing the German public for a disappointment in connexion with their often repeated colonial claims emerges from an article in the *"Schwarze Korps"*, which declares that Nordic peoples are not capable of supporting the climate of Africa.

German must therefore at all costs rid themselves of the "African colonial mirage," the paper declares, adding that in any case the Reich's European territory amply fulfils her requirements regarding living space.

The *"Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten"* declares that the centre of gravity of military operations cannot be removed to the Mediterranean or to the East but that it remains concentrated around Great Britain.

GRETNA BRIDE SHOT DEAD

Husband Is Acquitted

A 24-YEAR-OLD soldier shot the girl he married at Gretna Green three years ago.

At Birmingham Assizes recently, the soldier, Ralph Gordon Barstow, of Pleasant-street, Preston, was on trial for murder.

Suddenly, on a gun expert's evidence, the case against him collapsed and he left the court a free man.

The shot was fired in a bedroom in Birmingham on November 14, said Mr Maurice Healy, K.C., for the prosecution.

For Bombers

Barstow told the police that, as he could see that bombers had been coming over every night, he loaded his rifle to have a shot if they "came over."

"I was unloading my rifle," he said, "when it went off."

Mr Healy said Barstow's wife had fallen in love with him when she was 16.

In the early part of 1937, banns were put up, but the project was called off when the parents found out. In September of that year they went through a form of marriage at Gretna Green.

When Barstow was called up last April his wife became familiar with men.

A gun expert demonstrated to Mr Justice Ogiver the angle at which the gun must have been held when the fatal shot was fired, and the angle at which it would be held to be unloaded.

K.C. "Disturbed"

Replying to Mr A. J. Long, defending, he said it was possible that the gun might be fired accidentally while being held in the unloading position.

Mr Healy then said he was very disturbed by the reply the gun expert had given to Mr Long's question.

Without leaving the box the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

"Portugal Intends To Remain Neutral"

Portugal intends to remain neutral and there is no possibility of her being "swayed" by Hitler, Senor Leopoldo Danilo Barcitos, Macao correspondent of the Portuguese newspaper Diaro de Noticias, recently declared.

Senor Barcitos spent last year in Lisbon as a representative of Macao at Portugal's annual celebration of her foundation and independence.

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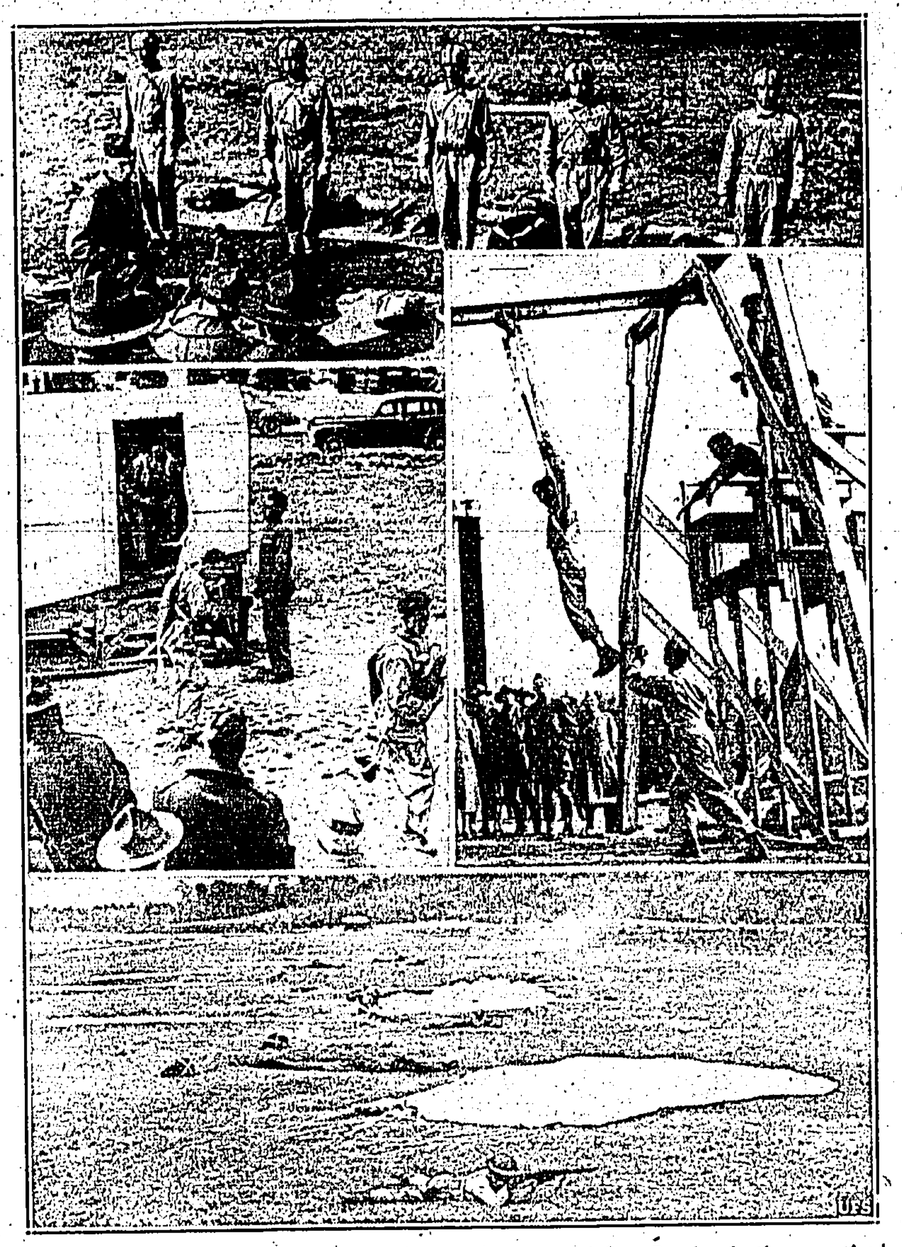
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JUMPING MEN—It's quite a trick to leap from a plane and land right side up, so men of the 501st Parachute Battalion are receiving training, at Fort Benning, Ga., in how to do it. Preliminary practice, simulating actual jumping, is on the ground. Later they go up in planes to leap. Top panel shows a quintet, wearing special helmets, ready to go aloft. Previously they practised jumping from a grounded plane cabin, centre left, and had leaped from a staging, centre right, to learn how to land. Bottom, advanced students go into action with automatic rifles after landing with their 'chutes. Students in advanced courses leap in groups.



Oil Magnate Denies Backing For U.S. Appeasement Group

Nation-wide notoriety has been aroused by the activities of the American appeasement group called the "No Foreign War Committee," one of the founders of which is reported to be Colonel Charles E. Lindbergh, who has himself been severely criticised by a large majority of his countrymen for his pro-Nazi statements and his opposition towards American aid for Britain and the democracies.

The chairman of the Committee is Verne Marshall, a native of Lowa and editor of the "Cedar Rapids Gazette," and winner of a Pulitzer Prize for journalism. Marshall's name and that of his Committee has frequently been linked with William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, who was reported to have brought Nazi peace proposals to the United States.

Davis, however, in a public interview recently denied that he was the Committee's "angel," or, in other words, financial backer. Reporting the interview given to the press, the New York newspaper "PM" writes:—

William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, tossed Verne Marshall a sizzling hot potato to-day. This potato was nothing more nor less than Mr Marshall's own No Foreign War Committee.

For several days Mr Marshall had been shouting from the housetops that Mr Davis had offered to angel his Committee. Mr Davis in an interview declared that he was not the financial backer of the Committee and that he had no official connection with it whatsoever.

He said that he was "for all these organisations—who hold the same ideas of world tranquillity as I do."

"But as for being a backer, that I am not," he said.

First Interview

Affable, but obviously nervous, Mr Davis met reporters in his office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. It was his first interview with the press since Mr Marshall, on Dec. 30, announced that Mr Davis had brought German peace terms to President Roosevelt in 1939.

Mr Marshall had referred to these terms as "agenda." Reporters pressed Mr Davis for an explanation of the terms, but all questions on this subject were neatly parried. They were not answered.

Mr Davis announced that he had written a letter to Senator Wheeler demanding that he be given an opportunity to appear before a Congressional committee and clear himself "of unfair and malicious charges."

He demanded a complete Congressional investigation into reports that he was working for a world peace "on Hitler's terms" and that he was attempting to help the Axis powers in getting oil from Mexico.

He ridiculed such reports as entirely unfounded. He said that he had kept the State Department informed of all his activities.

Denies Selling To Nazis

He admitted selling expropriated American oil to Germany, but said that he had not done so since the outbreak of the war.

Mr Davis gave the impression of a man not only willing but anxious to talk. But not, however, on all subjects.

He excused himself from answering questions about his reported association with Dr Joachim H. Hertzlett, German economic war expert.

"I'll be very glad," he said, "to tell that to Congress."

Hopes For Peace Talks

He said he hoped for a negotiated peace.

In a formal statement handed to reporters, Mr Davis said:

"I want the war to end—it is true. But I do not want the war to end 'on Hitler's terms' as has been so loosely flung at me. I want this war to end by negotiation—before the men, women and children of the world are debauched and demoralised; before the wealth and treasures of the world are destroyed, and before human rights and liberties are lost forever."

Mr Davis was emphatic in saying he was for peace. He said he favoured all peace organisations, "good, bad and indifferent," if they had the same basic ideal—tranquillity.

He passionately avowed his loyalty to the United States, and charged "financial and competitive interests" (which he did not identify) with conducting an organised campaign to misrepresent his position in his previous dealings with Nazi Germany.

As for Verne Marshall and his No Foreign War Committee, Mr Davis is clear. Mr Marshall has his sympathy, but not his money.

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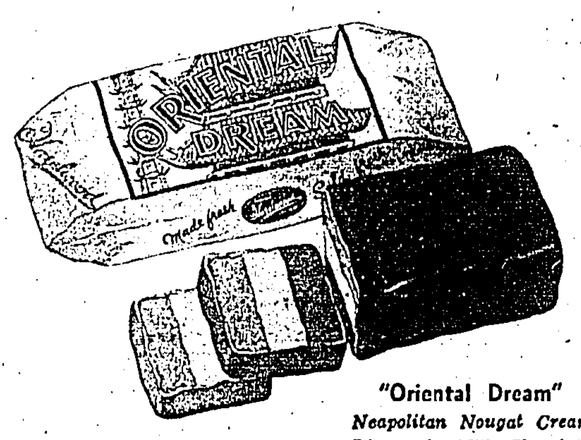
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American Gift To British Navy

MR. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, has received from Colonel Frank Knox, United States Secretary of the Navy, two pictures of Abraham Lincoln.

One of them will hang in the ward room of H.M.S. Lincoln, a destroyer recently transferred to the Royal Navy from the United States Navy, and the other will hang in the First Lord's room in the Admiralty.

If Nazis Take To Gas

A pump filter has been specially designed by a London firm for purifying tainted water in the event of the Nazis using poison gas in future air raids.

It is a simple instrument, not much heavier than a garden syringe, yet the cylinder of activated charcoal through which the contaminated water is pumped assures an adequate and safe supply of clean water to people in air raid shelters.

Princesses' London Home Bombed

The London home of Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise, in Pall Mall, W., was damaged by incendiary bombs in recent air attacks. Neither of the princesses was in residence.

Princess Helena Victoria was seventy last May, and Princess Marie Louise sixty-eight in August. They are granddaughters of Queen Victoria.

£5,000,000 Girl's £1 A Week

Gloria Vanderbilt, America's "poor little rich girl," heiress to approximately £5,000,000, will be allowed no more than £50 during this year from her fortune for her personal use.

A court order to this effect was signed recently by Surrogate James Foley, says a New York report.

The order provides, however, that her general guardian, Mr Thomas Gilchrist, shall be allowed approximately £0,000 a year for the next three years for Gloria's maintenance, support, and education.

Hundred Thousand French Killed

At least 100,000 French soldiers were killed before the French capitulation.

This statement was amde by a dependable source in Vichy, says Associated Press.

The estimate is considerably higher than previous figures.

Lipstick Argument For War Bonus

"Lipstick and clothes have gone up a lot, and it costs our female staff far more to dress themselves properly in wartime."

Lt.-Col. Dr Summerhayes told this to the East Sussex Insurance Committee at Lewes recently.

To meet the extra cost of living the committee decided to grant a war bonus, which will apply chiefly to the female staff.

Millions From Salvage

Salvage sales from local authority collections for the first full year now include 215,700 tons of paper, 228,000 tons of metals, 5,000 tons of bones, and more than 40,000 tons of kitchen waste, the Ministry of Supply announced recently.

The salvage campaign is estimated to be saving for Britain about £10,000,000 a year.

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Convicts Said Almost Running British Gaols

Violence against prison officers is on the increase because the staffs are too small to enforce discipline. This charge was made to a "Daily Herald" reporter recently by Mr W. J. Brown, of the Prison Officers' Association.

"The convicts are running things almost entirely their own way. They do not hesitate to swear at and abuse prison officers as much as they like," he said.

"It is absolutely impossible for the warders to keep the men under effective control, and they go about in fear of bodily injury at the hands of the very men they are supposed to be guarding.

"The situation has been very bad for a long time past. Now, it is rapidly getting out of hand.

Under-Staffed

"It is approaching a state where the warders have little other authority than to keep the convicts locked up.

"It is the outcome of continued chronic, and acute, under-staffing. There are not nearly enough warders in the prisons to keep the men under as they should be.

"The risks to the warders grow greater day by day.

"There was serious under-staffing in nearly all the prisons even before our Association succeeded in having the warders' hours reduced from 48 to 44 a week.

"That reduction in hours, without a corresponding increase in the numbers of prison-control personnel, made a bad situation much worse.

No Proper Control

"The warders are not able to exercise proper control simply because there are so few of them. They are so greatly outnumbered by the convicts that they dare not risk trying to impose a rigorous discipline.

"Through sheer fear of bodily injury they have had to run things with as loose a rein as possible.

"The convicts are taking advantage of it.

"They know they can get away with almost everything short of just walking out of the place.

"We need at least 1,000 prison warders to regain proper control of the men. That would increase the prison staffs by about a third.

"The disturbances in Dartmoor, Parkhurst, Exeter and other prisons, during the past two or three years have all been simply due to the terrible shortage of prison staffs."

The Prison Officers' Association has asked Mr Herbert Morrison to receive a deputation to discuss ways and means of dealing with the matter.

Constant Threat

"Something will have to be done—and done rapidly—if the situation is not to get entirely out of hand," Mr Brown concluded.

"The warders must not be forced to work under constant threat of bodily injury. And, they must be reinforced with sufficient men to enable them to keep proper control of the prisoners."

Home Office Denial

The Home Office later issued a denial of the statements.

"The possibility of an assault or attempted assault by some prisoner is a risk which always exists," adds the Home Office, "but such occurrences are exceptional.

"Discipline at the present time is well maintained, and nothing has occurred to justify the suggestion that prisoners are out of hand."

Army Rugby League

Sgt Blackman Breaks Leg In Heavy Tackle

UNFORTUNATE accident to Sergeant Blackman (R. Engineers) who broke his leg following a heavy tackle, marred the Large Units Rugby League match against the Combined Small Units at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Engineers, however, won by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil, and have thus consolidated their position in the League table.

Tries were scored by Martin (2), Rees and Birrell—the latter converting his own with a magnificent kick from the touch-line.

Artillery Beaten

The Royal Artillery were surprised when Middlesex left the field winners by 13 points (two goals and a try) to 3 (penalty goal), after leading 5-0 at half-time.

Freshwater played an excellent game for the winners, and scored two tries, while Berry, besides converting two, scored another. Keeble "registered the Gunners' only points when he converted a penalty goal for a scrum infringement.

British Money In America

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$616,000,000 of marketable securities and $9,000,000,000 of less easily marketable investments.

The nominal value of United Kingdom investments in Canada is $2,000,000,000 and in South America $3,500,000,000. The market value, said Mr Smith, is much less than the nominal value.

At the beginning of the current year, Britain held $292,000,000 and sold $54,000,000 official dollar balances and $305,000,000 private balances.

Capital Assistance

Britain had given capital assistance totalling $171,600,000 to United States defence plants in connection with orders for planes.

The monthly expenditure of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and the United Kingdom was $1,750,000,000, of which the United States accounted for $1,500,000,000.

During the current fiscal year, Canada is expected to spend $1,400,000,000 in direct war effort.

Inter-School Sports

Excellent Competition Anticipated

La Salle Places Well In Yesterday's Heats

PLACED in all events but the shot put during the heats for the Inter-School Sports at Caroline Hill yesterday, La Salle College issue a strong challenge for honours in the finals which will be held on the same track on Friday.

St Stephen's College, on the heats results, should gather many points in the field events, in which case they, too, will be in the running for the Championship.

Outstanding performances yesterday were the times of A. P. Silva (La Salle) in the 100 metres—11.4 secs—and Sin Kwok-bun (King's College) in the 400 metres—57 secs.

Qualifiers were:

100 metres.—Sin Kwok-bun (King's College), Chow Hon-shu (King's), Lai Cheung-yiu (Wah Yan), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan), Fong Hin-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tao (Queen's), and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

Long Jump.—Wong Ki-lim (King's), Chan King-cheung (St Stephen's), Fung Shing-mo (St Stephen's), and Cheng Kim-kwong (La Salle).

800 metres.—N. Castro (La Salle), J. Xavier (La Salle), Cheung Kai-pui (Wah Yan), Lee Kai-lueh (Wah Yan), K. Mohammed (Queen's) and J. Macauley (D.B.S.).

Pole Vault.—Marcus Ng (La Salle), L. Heredios (La Salle), Hau Tam-yuen (St Stephen's), Chan King-cheung (St Stephen's) and Kwan Wah-sang (St Paul's).

200 metres.—A. P. Silva (La Salle), A. Mackeenie (La Salle), Fong Hin-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tao (Queen's), Law Chi-to (King's), Wong Wing-keen (King's), and Chan Shiu-kei (Wah Yan).

Shot-Put.—Ma Wai-fun (St Stephen's), Ma Chang-ling (St Stephen's), Woo Shai-shing (Wah Yan), and Tong Kwok-fun (St Paul's).

400 metres.—R. Remedios (La Salle), N. Castro (La Salle), S. Hall (D.B.S.), J. Macauley (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan) and Wan Shau-tak (St Paul's).

High Jump.—Marcus Ng (La Salle), A. Mackechnie (La Salle), Cheuk Ming-lee (Queen's), Leung Lai-yuen (St Stephen's), Ling Hong-shon (D.B.S.) and A. Fong (St Joseph's).

110 metres hurdles.—Lam Cho-kow (St Paul's), B. Pomeroi (La Salle), Wong Ki-lim (King's), Fung Shing-mo (St Stephen's), Wan Sau-tak (St Paul's) and Wan Ki-hing (Wah Yan).

1,600 metres medley relay.—La Salle "A", La Salle "B", King's College, Wah Yan College, Diocesan Boys' School and St Joseph's.

Recorder's Hopes For Baby Stealer

Mrs Alma Armstrong, aged 22, who pleaded guilty to taking a five-week-old baby out of the care and possession of her mother, was at the Old Bailey recently bound over for three years.

It was made a condition that she should live with her parents and continue at work.

She took the baby from a perambulator outside a shop at Edmonton, N.

The Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, said she had done so out of excessive maternal instinct.

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Filmland Is Anglophile

A STRIKING plea for union of the British Empire with the U.S.A. comes from Sam Eckman, the shrewed and energetic Metro-Goldwyn chief, who has run its London end since 1928.

In the New Year issue of the "Kinematograph Weekly" he fervently supports the complete pooling of the resources of the English-speaking people against a common foe, towards a real Anglo-American fusion.

"When I was a boy, American school-books still emphasised the wickedness of King George III and his ministers. The Englishman depicted on the stage and early films was either a villain or a silly ass with a monocle. On the English side has been a tendency to regard all we offer with suspicion.

Films' Help

"Films can help make and cement this Anglo-American unity which is so essential."

After quoting numerous fine Hollywood boosts of British ideals, as well as of the real America, he concludes:

"Let us go on making them. I don't care whether they are made by British or American companies, so long as they are good enough for the English-Speaking world, showing men and women of all creeds and colours that they are all united by the common heritage of freedom which rules wherever a Union Jack or a Stars and Stripes may be flown."

Four Hundred Wives Are British Again

Eight hundred British-born wives of Germans resident in Britain have applied in the past year to have their British nationality restored.

Naturalisation has already been granted to half of them, announced Mr Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, in the House of Commons recently.

FISH FOR RAID VICTIMS

A present of 25,000lb. of fish for London victims of Nazi bombing has been made by the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

AID BRITAIN

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dered necessary for United States defence.

Accidental Revelation

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The accidental revelation of two items in the proposed United States expenditure for aid to Britain, was made during to-day's debate on the seven billion dollar appropriation.

A Representative referred to the purchase of $50,000,000 of tobacco. Money for this purpose would come from an allocation of $1,350,000,000 earmarked for agricultural and other commodities.

It is understood that lists of further items exist but President Roosevelt does not wish to make them public.

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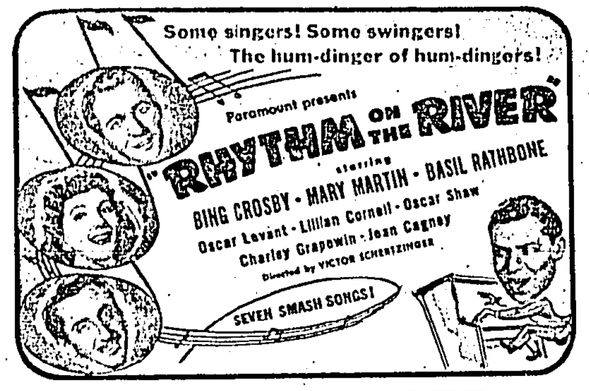
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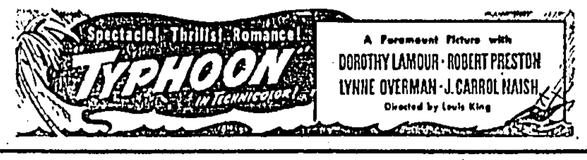
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Sentence Passed On Jacobs

Pte Frank Kenneth Jacobs, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was found guilty about a fortnight ago on charges of rape and indecent assault, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Jacobs, it will be recalled, was convicted of having raped and indecently assaulted Man Shiu-ying, an 18-year-old waitress employed at the Nathan Hotel, in King's Park on January 16. The Jury returned a 6-1 verdict of guilty but recommended that he be dealt with leniently.

His Lordship told Jacobs yesterday that he had given the case careful consideration and was relieved to find that his conviction would not necessitate him leaving the Army, in which he had earned a good reputation. "I am bearing in mind carefully," his Lordship added, "the rider the Jury attached to their verdict; but even taking that into consideration I cannot pass on you a lighter sentence than eight months, to date from the February Sessions."

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KEREN IN DESPERATE PLIGHT: ERITREA'S FATE IN THE BALANCE

LONDON, MAR. 18 (REUTER).—KEREN, WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF ITALIAN ERITREA AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE OF ITALIAN EAST AFRICA NOW APPEARS TO BE IN AN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND ITALIAN SOURCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

DISPATCHES FROM KHARTOUM, BRITISH COMMUNIQUES FROM CAIRO AND NAIROBI, AND AN ITALIAN COMMUNIQUE FROM ROME TELL A STORY OF HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES IN BITTER COUNTER-ATTACKS AGAINST THE BELEAGUERING IMPERIAL ARMY.

A communique from Cairo to-day also reports that pressure by Imperial and patriot forces in Abyssinia is being maintained successfully over a wide area against the retreating Italians while British troops are extending the area of occupation in British Somaliland.

From the north, British and French troops are pushing across the wilderness of the ridges towards the road leading from Keren.

Against Great Odds

Several heights still held by the Italians still separate them from the road, which is ideal for defence. The British have to assail the positions which the Italians have had a month to prepare and they are faced with greatly superior numbers, estimated at 50,000.

The Battle of Keren, therefore, is expected to last several days.

Tripoli Harbour Raid

CAIRO, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—A heavy attack was made by the R.A.F. on Tripoli Harbour on Sunday night.

The mole, ships and quays were bombed, large fires were started in hangars and military stores, and explosions were seen at a railway depot and near the wireless station.

An R.A.F. communique announcing this also states that the R.A.F. continued their activity in the Keren area.

"SARAH SIMPLE"

The Play That Must Not Be Missed

The Hongkong A.D.C. has an imposing string of successes to its credit, but "Sarah Simple," the Club's latest production, is a triumph.

Last night's dress rehearsal of this scintillating comedy makes front news to-day.

The play in itself is clever and vastly amusing, but in the hands of Claude Burgess, Sheila Mackinlay, Day Sage and their colleagues, it becomes an outstanding entertainment. The players are practically faultless and there is not a dull moment.

The opening scenes are as breezy and compelling as the climax—the true test of both authorship and performance. Claude Burgess and Sheila Mackinlay go very close to dominating all the scenes, and both are in their most effective form. Laughter— ripples right through the play, and it is to the credit of the cast and conscientious Producer Cyril Brown that not a single line or situation capable of causing merriment is allowed to pass by without acknowledgment.

The Performers

Day Sage made her first appearance on the Hongkong stage in "Someone at the Door," produced recently at the K.C.C. That performance gave promise of much better things to come and in "Sarah Simple" she proves her abilities to the full. Hers is a well rounded, intelligent study.

Sheila Mackinlay has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as the Colony's leading light comedy player among the ladies. Her work in "Sarah Simple" merely adds the official seal to this reputation.

Claude Burgess gives a handsome performance, showing cunning appreciation of the subtleties of his part. He has some great lines; he speaks them grandly.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are well cast and succeed in making the best of intricate little roles, while William Kirby has some splendid moments in the third act and gives a delicious cameo, which, for a brief moment, overshadows everything else in the play.

The settings are ideal and characteristic of able Mr W. A. Cornell, who has never yet turned out a piece of poor scenery for the Hongkong stage. Charles Gilmor is the efficient stage manager, W. A. Mackinlay, the hardworking secretary and Cyril Brown, the wholly successful producer.

There are some seats available for to-night's opening performance, which should not be, for "Sarah Simple" is a play which must not be missed.—S.A.G.

Bombing of Chungking Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE, March 19 (Domei).—Several formations of Japanese Naval aircraft flying far into the interior of China on Tuesday afternoon carried out a successful raid on Chungking, inflicting heavy damage, according to the Press Section of the Japanese Central China Sea Fleet.

Some formations concentrated their attacks on the Chinese military establishments in the city proper, scoring direct hits, while other units raided the munitions plants in the outskirts of the city, causing fires.

All planes which participated in the raid, returned to their bases safely.

Turks Cause Nazis To Hesitate

MADRID, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The German Foreign Office spokesman is now refusing to answer questions about Germany's intentions towards Greece, writes the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Ya."

A big press and radio campaign against Greece is going on which is regarded in Berlin as a sign that the Greek situation is now in the hands of the military.

Current reports in the German capital say that 300,000 British troops are in Greece.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Diplomatic action is proceeding with the object of reaching a complete understanding between Germany and Turkey, says the "Allehanda" correspondent in Berlin.

He adds that it is generally believed that Germany is hesitating to take action against Greece pending greater certainty as to Turkey's attitude.

Authoritative circles in Berlin, he states, refuse to express an opinion as to whether President Ineunu's reply to Hitler is considered satisfactory or otherwise.

BABY TANK FOR CHINA

Novel Features

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central News).—Blueprints for a baby tank two feet high, six feet wide and nine feet long with a speed of 80 miles per hour were presented to the Chinese Government through the Chinese Embassy in Washington by an American designer in Chicago, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post."

The "Post" learned that the designer, lived in Shanghai for ten years.

Costing only one-fourth of the price of the cheapest tank on the market, the whippet tank is so designed that it can be manufactured in China with materials available in this country.

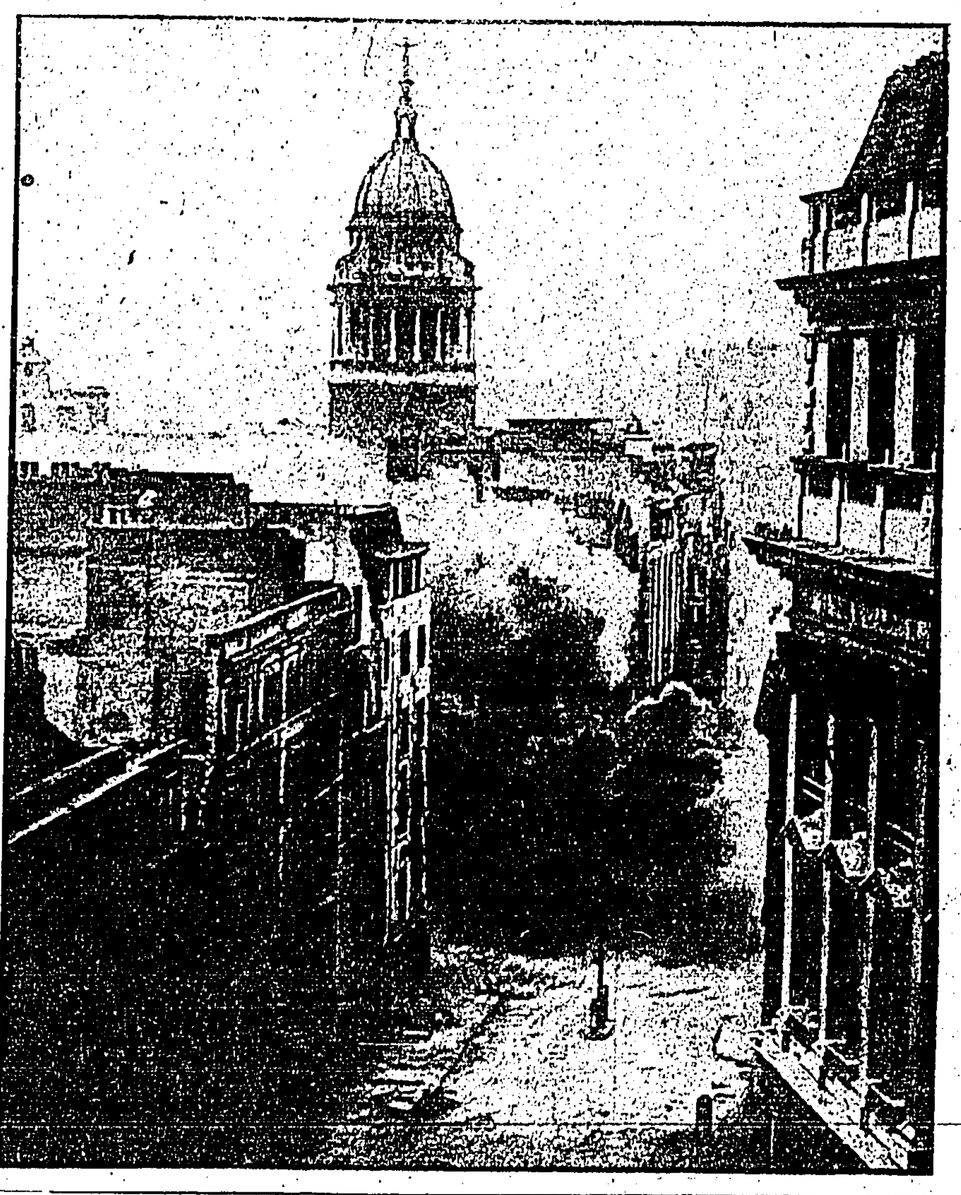
Designed For China

Designed specifically for the Chinese terrain, the whippet tank is manned by a crew of two and is practically immune from aerial and anti-tank gun attacks. The tank can be powered by alcohol while the factory for manufacturing the baby tanks needs only 20 skilled workmen.

After a month's trial operation, the plant can turn out five such tanks daily. The factory will be equipped on a mobile basis to dodge Japanese bombs.

Dynamite Squads Work On London Wreckage

A Home Guard cordon, with bayonets, kept Londoners hundreds of yards away when the explosion pictured here shook the heart of the City. It was the first of the "safety demolitions" which followed the devastation of the fireblitz.



Terrible Merseyside Death Roll In Two Big Air Raids

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—About 500 were killed and 500 were seriously injured in German air raids on Merseyside in two nights, March 12 and 13.

The combined casualties in the Clyde area on March 13 and 14 were approximately 500 killed and 800 seriously injured.

Bombers Intercepted

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Two German bombers were intercepted and shot down into the sea off the coast of Britain to-day.

Two British fighters, returning with their ammunition exhausted, were attacked by a number of enemy fighters and shot down. Both pilots are safe.

The Air Ministry adds that there had been a little air activity by small enemy forces round the coasts of Britain during the day and that a few aircraft penetrated inland, but no bombs are reported dropped.

Spaniard's Conclusion

MADRID, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—"Mysterious things are occurring in the air," writes the London correspondent of the newspaper, "A.B.C." who adds: "Whatever the British anti-aircraft devices may be, things have greatly changed and Londoners to-day are safer then ever in their shelters and houses."

BRITISH UNITY

Emphasised By Mr Morrison

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter). The unity and determination of the British people to stand firm and carry on to win the war was the theme of a broadcast speech by Mr Herbert Morrison, the Home Security Minister, to-night.

He was urging the people to read and study carefully the leaflet just issued by his Ministry informing them what to do in case of invasion.

Invasion, said Mr Morrison, was a vital subject for though the blaze of war might leap from Europe to Africa or Asia, there could be no real Nazi victory unless it won here—in and around this island.

No Secret

"I am giving away no secrets," Mr Morrison went on, "if I tell you that your government's military chiefs have made plans in the defence of Britain on a basis of complete confidence that you will not let them down."

He emphasised the necessity of carrying on the country's work to the utmost capacity and concluded with the exhortation, "Stand firm. Carry on. Beat the invader."

A. R. Distress Fund

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The £1,000 from the Central British War Fund in Shanghai among the contributions received to-day, makes the total of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund £2,286,000.

MUSSOLINI WARNED

If Athens Is Bombed, Rome Will Be Also

LONDON, Mar. 18 (UP).—Reliable sources to-day confirmed the report that Britain had warned Mussolini, through a neutral nation, that if the Italians bomb Athens, the British will bomb Rome.

Vatican Denial

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 18 (UP).—High Vatican quarters to-day categorically denied that the British had warned Italy through the Vatican that Rome would be bombed if Athens is bombed. They pointed out that the Vatican, in view of its spiritual mission, could not relay messages of warning or war reprisals from one nation to another.

RESCUED CREW

Praise Free Frenchmen

LONDON, Mar 18 (Reuter).—A Free French destroyer operating in British waters recently rescued the crew of a British merchant steamer torpedoed by a German submarine.

A communique issued to-night by Free French Headquarters in London states that the captain and crew of the British ship praised their French comrades and stressed that they displayed magnificent courage during the rescue operations and offered the most generous hospitality aboard the French warship.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Planes Collide: Six Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar 18 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that two bombers from the cruiser Yorktown collided in mid-air at sea on March 17 and that all six of the personnel were killed.

They refused to reveal the scene of the crash. However, it is known that the Yorktown has been operating out of Pearl Harbour for several months so the accident undoubtedly happened in the Hawaiian area.

BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (UP).—Usually well informed quarters state that the British troops in Greece approximately total four divisions or 100,000 men. They said they had no information regarding reports that British troops had arrived in the region of Salonika.

AID BRITAIN

Big Appropriation Goes To Congress

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The United States House of Representatives to-day began debate on the $7,000,000,000 Aid to Britain appropriation.

It was confronted with a tersely worded warning from the Appropriations Committee that this huge figure must be quickly approved or the reputation of the United States among nations would suffer.

The note coincides with Mr Churchill's reference in London to submarines and to the operation of Nazi battle cruisers on the United States side of the Atlantic.

One Change

The note requested the House to approve the Bill with one change: that any article procured under the Bill shall be retained by the United States Government at the President's discretion instead of being sent to a foreign government if that is considered necessary for United States defence.

Accidental Revelation

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The accidental revelation of two items in the proposed United States expenditure for aid to Britain, was

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R.A.F. Sets Continental Areas Alight with Bombs

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions and fires were observed in the dock and industrial areas of Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, which were bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command last night.

The Air Ministry also states that a large fire was started in the petrol storage tanks at Rotterdam while single aircraft attacked Emden and Oldenburg.

One enemy night fighter was shot down in flames during these operations.

Off the Frisian Islands, an aircraft of the Coastal Command torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel.

None of the British aircraft is missing from all these operations.

Enemy Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—A Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel on Monday night off the Frisian Islands, it is officially announced.

Lend, Lease Bill Cuts Out Blitz Decision

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Having signed the Lease and Lend Bill, President Roosevelt has hastened to take action under his new powers.

American measures show that there can be no more talk of a blitzkrieg. The Axis Powers have for a long time belittled American help but recently the "Messagero" has frankly admitted the importance of American help.

The German press has not so openly expressed an opinion so far, but it is admitted in Berlin that American help may lengthen the war—clearly they expect it to reach England, otherwise the war would not be lengthened.

American naval circles are now discussing giving Britain greater naval help.

The Axis Powers have a new enemy with vast economic and industrial resources.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 **Light Opera Selections.**
1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 **Liszt—Sonata in B Minor.**
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 **Humorous Variety.**
2.15 Close Down.
5.45 **Indian Programme.**
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 **Half an hour with Delius.**
7.00 **London Relay—The News.**
7.15 **London Relay—'From the Old Country'.**
Talk by Robert Donat.
7.30 **Folk Music.**
8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 **Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.**
8.30 **Studio—"Makers of Medicine' No. 4: "Medical Humanist: Grammarian and Doctor, Thomas Linacre."**
Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
8.50 **Violin Solos by Henry Merckel**
Two Minuets from 'Sonata No. 6 in E Major for Solo Violin' Prelude from 'Sonata No. 1 in G Minor for Solo Violin' (Buch).
9.00 **London Relay—The News.**
9.15 **London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.**
9.30 **Light French Programme with Jean Sablon and Lucienne Boyer.**
Les Saltimbangues — Overture (Louis Ganne)...Orchestra Symphonique du Lutetia Wagram; Embrassez-Moi (Pills-Tabet); Je T'aime (Pills-Tabet)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; La Fille De Madame Angot—Overture (Lecocq)...Vienna Symphony Orchestra; La Chanson des Rues (Vaucaire and Goer); Why Do You Pass Me By?....Jean Sablon (Vocal) with Orchestra; Sous Les Bees De Gaz—Java; Ma Banlieue—Valse (both from 'Feerie de Paris') L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra.
9.45 **News in French (on Short Wave only).**
10.00 **Studio—Talk by Mr H. C. Macnamara on "The Fanling Hunt."**
10.10 **Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.**
10.23 **Dance Music.**
11.00 Close Down.

Black-Out At Taipo A Success

From 11 p.m. to midnight yesterday Taipo was completely blacked out in an exercise under the Air Raid Precautions Department to experiment with the star-lighting system. Information from Taipo reveals that the black-out proved successful.

There were only a few pedestrians in the street and Air Raid Wardens from the Taipo district attended in full. Police, under the supervision of Mr G. S. Wilson co-operated.

Of the three lighting systems tested, the one said not to have proved good was in relation to blue bulbs with large shades. Blue bulbs in small shades proved much more effective.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

FLAG DAY

March 29th, 1941.

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To obtain funds to purchase Motor Ambulances and Mobile Canteens for China and Britain.

"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE

In connection with the National Day of Prayer, a Service will be held at the "Ohel Leah" Synagogue on Sunday, 23rd March, 1941, at 11 a.m.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.
The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd. Floor.
The Inspector, 12 Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

HONG KONG WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

MONSTER RAFFLE, 1941

RULES

1. The sale of tickets in the raffle will cease on Wednesday, April 9, 1941.
2. Counterfoils of every ticket sold must be in the custody of the supervisors before the draw. Any ticket sold for which no corresponding counterfoil has been returned to the supervisors will not be included in the draw.
3. A ticket is entitled to one prize only. Any number, having drawn a prize, will be deemed cancelled for the remainder of the draw.
4. Prizes will be delivered to the person who produces the requisite winning ticket. No right to a prize can be recognised except the right conferred by the production of the requisite ticket.
5. Winning tickets must be produced and endorsed by the holder before delivery of prize can be made. Mutilated tickets—that is, if distinctive number and chop are not clearly discernible—will not be accepted.
6. Winning tickets not presented within Three Months of the draw will be considered null and void, and all unclaimed prizes will revert to the donors and/or the Hong Kong War Effort Committee after the above period of Three Months has elapsed.
7. Any misunderstanding or dispute must be referred to the Hong Kong War Effort Committee, whose decision shall be final.

By Order of the Committee,
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Supervisors.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to "capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 "Hongkong currency, part of the "undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of "the Company's Reserve Fund, "and to allot to the members "holding shares of the Company "as on the first day of April "One thousand nine hundred "and forty-one in respect of the "net amount capitalised fully "paid shares of the Company "of equivalent nominal value in "the proportion of one share for "every three shares of the Company held by them respectively "and that such shares so allotted "shall rank for dividends as "from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribu"tion as aforesaid any person "would be entitled to a frac"tional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing fractional "certificates, cause the whole "share to be allotted to a person "or persons to be named by the "Directors and such share shall, "at such time as the Directors "think fit, be sold and the pro"ceeds distributed amongst the "persons entitled to the frac"tions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE

In connection with the National Day of Prayer, a Service will be held at the "Ohel Leah" Synagogue on Sunday, March 23, at 11 a.m.

Thailand Grateful For Small Concessions

BANGKOK, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Official comments unanimously hail the Indo-China peace terms as a success for Thailand and emphasise Thailand's gratitude to Japan, though a section of the press hints that Thailand expected something better.

The Premier, Luang Pibula Songgram, appealing to the public to celebrate the "successful conclusion" of the Tokyo conference, says that Japan has untiringly executed her task with efficiency, thoroughness, and strict maintenance of justice for the sake of peace in this part of the world.

He adds that when someone does us a good deed we for ever appreciate and cherish it in our memory.

A Foreign Ministry communique declares that Japanese mediation brought Thailand a square deal.

The "Bangkok Chronicle," a Thai-owned daily in English, says that though it may be felt that the territorial gains are slightly below expectations, this is an occasion for national rejoicing.

The vernacular, "Prajamit," says that France has ceded only a small portion of territory lost to her by Thailand, but "we are thankful to Japan for mediating."

Prestige Restored

The "Supab Barrus" says that Thailand's prestige is restored in the eyes of European nations. The treaty is satisfactory. "Japan is the most powerful nation in the east. She can protect all other eastern nations against aggression. She is always our best friend."

The Premier visited the Japanese Minister, Mr Fumita, this afternoon and thanked Japan.

This was the first time that the Premier had called at the Japanese Legation since assuming office two years ago.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K Banks $.....1,340 sa.
H.K. Banks £.....75 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....77 n.
Chartered £.....85½ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ x.d. .21½ n.
Mercantile C. £ x.d. 10½ n.
East Asia $.....70 b.

INSURANCES

Cantons $.....215 n.
Union $.....425 b.
China Underwriters $.....1 n.
H.K. Fire $.....170 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas $.....135 n.
Steamboats $.....9 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $.....80 b.
Indo-Chinas D. $.....60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/- 41/10½ n.
Waterboats $.....7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $.....93½ b.
Docks (old) $.....16½ sa.
Docks (new) $.....16 n
Providents $ x.d. 5.15/20 sa.
S'hai Dockyards $.....28½ n.

MINING

Kailan s/- 17/- n
Raubs $ x.d. 8 n.
H.K. Mines 1¼ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels $.....3.10 b.
Lands $ x.d. 31¾ s.
Lands 4% Debentures 97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $.....12.40 n.
Humphreys $.....6.70 b.
H.K. Realties $.....3.10 b.
Chinese Estates $ x.d. 98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $ x.d. 16¾ s.
Peaks Trams (old) $.....7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $.....3½ n.
Star Ferries $.....54½ n.
Y. Ferries $.....24½ s.
China Lights (old) 6.20 b.
China Lights (new) 1.97½ n.
H.K. Electrics (old) $.....41 b.
H.K. Electrics (new) $.....40.90 b.
Macao Electrics (old) $...17.80 b.
Macao Electrics (new) $..16.80 b.
Sandakan Lights $.....12 n.
Telephones (old) $.....24½ s.
Telephones (new) $.....9 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $...30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $..25 n
Canton Ices $.....1 n.
Cements $.....17.20 b.
H.K. Ropes $.....8.15 sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms $.....18 n.
Watsons $.....11 sa.
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Powell Ltd. $.....1.90 n.

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H.K. Govt 3½% (1940) 94 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds. ...42 n.
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Constructions (old) $ 1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $.....1 n.
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30 d/s India 84½
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British Money In America

Secret Evidence Revealed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The evidence given by the United States defence chiefs at last week's secret hearings before the National Defence Committee was released to-day as the House of Representatives began debate on the British Aid appropriations.

The Director-General of Defence, Mr William Knudsen's statement showed that Britain financed 61 manufacturing plants out of 784 available or in preparation for the production of defence materials.

The statement made by the Budget Director, Mr Harold Smith, gave a comprehensive view of Britain's war expenditure in the United States. The total existing British orders, says Mr Smith's statement, aggregate $2,700,000,000. Payment of $1,680,000,000 has been made.

All goods delivered to Britain have been paid for and usually a 25 per cent. deposit was paid in cash with an order.

The remaining liabilities will be met from Britain's existing dollar resources.

The statement says that the British Government has not adequate funds to meet additional commitments but none was proposed.

Pre-Bill Orders

The United States' $7,000,000,000 British Aid appropriation would be used to pay the orders—placed by Britain before the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

At the beginning of the current year, British holdings included $6,000,000,000 of marketable securities and $9,000,000,000 of less easily marketable investments.

The nominal value of United Kingdom investments in Canada is $2,000,000,000 and in South America $3,500,000,000. The market value, said Mr Smith, is much less than the nominal value.

At the beginning of the current year, Britain held $292,000,000 and sold $54,000,000 official dollar balances and $305,000,000 private balances.

Capital Assistance

Britain had given capital assistance totalling $171,000,000 to United States defence plants in connection with orders for planes.

The monthly expenditure of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and the United Kingdom was $1,750,000,000, of which the United States accounted for $1,560,000,000.

During the current fiscal year, Canada is expected to spend $1,400,000,000 in direct war effort.

TOKYO-SOFIA

Invitation To Open Markets In Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 18 (Domei).—The visiting Bulgarian economic envoy Mr Fulsanoff, was the host at a reception given at the Imperial Hotel by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry this afternoon. Addressing the party, the Bulgarian envoy explained the economic conditions obtaining in the Balkans and invited Japanese traders to cultivate new markets there.

AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. H. K. PISSAREVSKY, THE OFFICE OF DODGE & SEYMOUR, LTD., WILL BE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON.

Inter-School Sports

Excellent Competition Anticipated

La Salle Places Well In Yesterday's Heats

PLACED in all events but the shot put during the heats for the Inter-School Sports at Caroline Hill yesterday, La Salle College issue a strong challenge for honours in the finals which will be held on the same track on Friday.

St Stephen's College, on the heats results, should gather many points in the field events, in which case they, too, will be in the running for the Championship.

Outstanding performances yesterday were the times of A. P. Silva (La Salle) in the 100 metres—11.4 secs—and Sin Kwok-bun (King's College) in the 400 metres—57 secs.

Qualifiers were:

100 metres.—Sin Kwok-bun (King's College), Chow Hon-shu (King's), Lai Cheung-yiu (Wah Yan), Lam Kwok-leong (Wah Yan), Fong Hiu-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tao (Queen's), and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

Long Jump.—Wong Ki-lim (King's), Chau King-cheung (St Stephen's), Fung Shing-mo (St Stephen's), and Cheng Kim-kwong (La Salle).

800 metres.—N. Castro (La Salle), J. Xavier (La Salle), Cheung Kat-pui (Wah Yan), Lee Kai-luen (Wah Yan), K. Mohammed (Queen's) and J. Macauley (D.B.S.).

Pole Vault.—Marcus Ng (La Salle), L. Remedios (La Salle), Hau Tam-yuan (St Stephen's), Chan King-cheung (St Stephen's) and Kwan Wah-sang (St Paul's).

200 metres.—A. P. Silva (La Salle), A. Mackeonnie (La Salle), Fong Hui-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tao (Queen's), Law Chi-to (King's), Wong Wing-keen (King's), and Chan Shiu-kei (Wah Yan).

Shot-Put.—Ma Wai-fun (St Stephen's), Ma Chung-ling (St Stephen's), Woo Shai-cheung (Wah Yan), and Tong Kwok-fun (St Paul's)

400 metres.—R. Remedios (La Salle); N. Castro (La Salle), S. Hall (D.B.S.), J. Macauley (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan) and Wan Shau-tak (St Paul's).

High Jump.—Marcus Ng (La Salle), A. Mackechnie (La Salle), Cheuk Ming-lee (Queen's), Leung Lai-yuen (St Stephen's), Lim Hong-hon (D.B.S.) and A. Fong (St Joseph's).

110 metres hurdles.—Lam Cho-kow (St Paul's), B. Pomerou (La Salle), Wong Ki-lim (King's), Fung Shing-mo (St Stephen's), Wan Sau-tak (St Paul's) and Wan Ki-hing (Wah Yan).

1,200 metres medley relay.—La Salle "A", La Salle "B", King's College, Wah Yan College, Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's.

Army Rugby League

Sgt Blackman Breaks Leg In Heavy Tackle

UNFORTUNATE accident to Sergeant Blackman (R. Engineers) who broke his leg following a heavy tackle, marred the Large Units Rugby League match against the Combined Small Units at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Engineers, however, won by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil, and have thus consolidated their position in the League table.

Tries were scored by Martin (2), Rees and Birrell—the latter converting his own with a magnificent kick from the touch-line.

Artillery Beaten

The Royal Artillery were surprised when Middlesex left the field winners by 13 points (two goals and a try) to 3 (penalty goal), after leading 5-0 at half-time.

Freshwater played an excellent game for the winners, and scored two tries, while Berry, besides converting two, scored another. Keeble registered the Gunners' only points when he converted a penalty goal for a scrum infringement.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

The tone of the market is better though so far prices have not known any appreciable advance.

Buyers

Unions Ins. $425
Wharves $93.25
Docks "O" $16.25
Providents $5.15
Hotels $3.10
Lands $31.75
Humphreys $6.70
Realties $3.05
Lights "O" $6.20
Electrics "O" $41
Electrics "N" $40.00
Macao Electrics "O" $17.60
Macao Electrics "N" $16.50
Telephones "O" $24
Cements $17.10
Watsons $10.80

Sellers

Realties $3.25
Trams $16.75
Telephones "O" 24.50

Sales

H.K. Banks $1,340
Docks "O" $16.50
Docks "N" $15.90
Providents $5.15/20
Telephones "O" $24/24.25
Ropes $8.15
Watsons $11

High U.K. Bomber Production

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—More aircraft, both bombers and fighters, were produced in Britain during February than in any previous month during the war.

This was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Colonel J. J. Llewellin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yunghsien), North and East of Kwangtung.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th March Mar. 20.
Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (Complete Mail) by sea from Singapore Mar. 20.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 20.
Canton Mar. 22.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 22.
Calcutta and Straits Mar. 23.
Calcutta, Straits, and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service"—(Complete Mail) by sea from Singapore Mar. 23.
Swatow Mar. 23.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th March Mar. 25.
Australia and Manila Mar. 25.
Canton Mar. 25.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Wednesday, March 19

Japan and Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver B.C.,
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ..Mar. 19, 11.00 a.m.
Letters, ...Mar. 19, Noon.
Straits and Calcutta,
Parcels Mar. 19, 11 a.m.
Letters Mar. 19, Noon.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong 12.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Rangoon 8.30 a.m.
Calcutta 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
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Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 20, 7 p.m.
Sourabaya 7.00 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Straits and Rangoon 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 21, 4 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for United-Kingdom.
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Mar. 22, 9.45 a.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 22, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday, March 22

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 22, 12.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United-Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United-Kingdom)
Note:—All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription.
K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 22, Noon.
Reg. Mar. 22, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 22, Noon.
Reg. Mar. 22, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for United-Kingdom.
K. P. O.
Parcels, ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels, ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Mar. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.

Sunday, March 23

Hoihow 8.30 a.m.
Canton 5 p.m.

Monday, March 24

Straits and Calcutta
Parcels Mar. 24, 11 a.m.
Letters Mar. 24, Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.

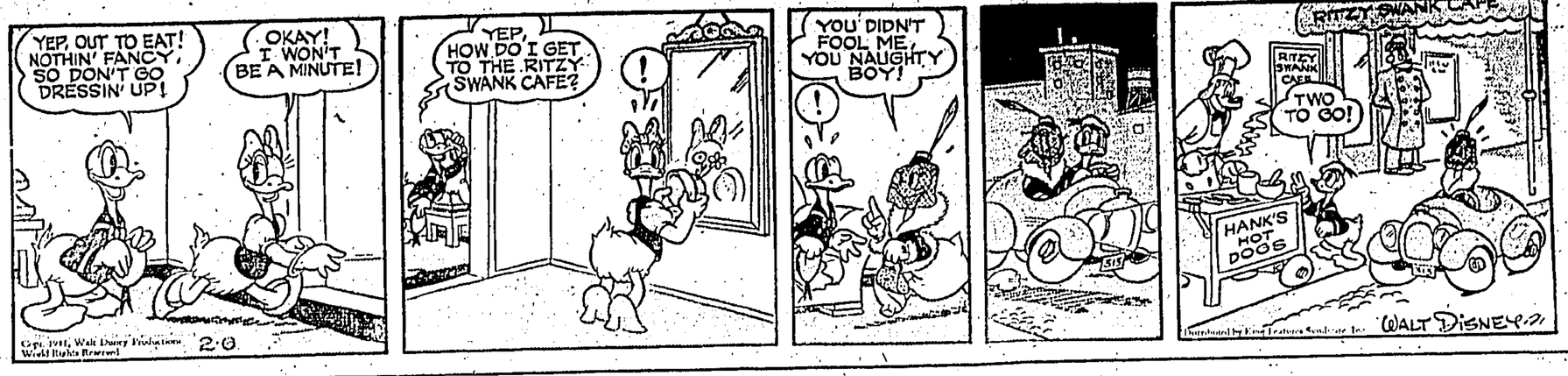
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Ord., ...Mar. 25, 11 a.m.
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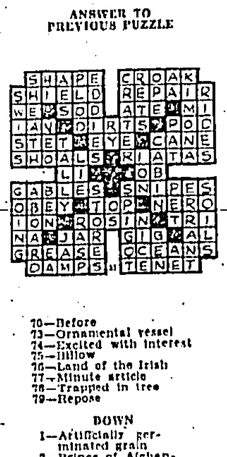
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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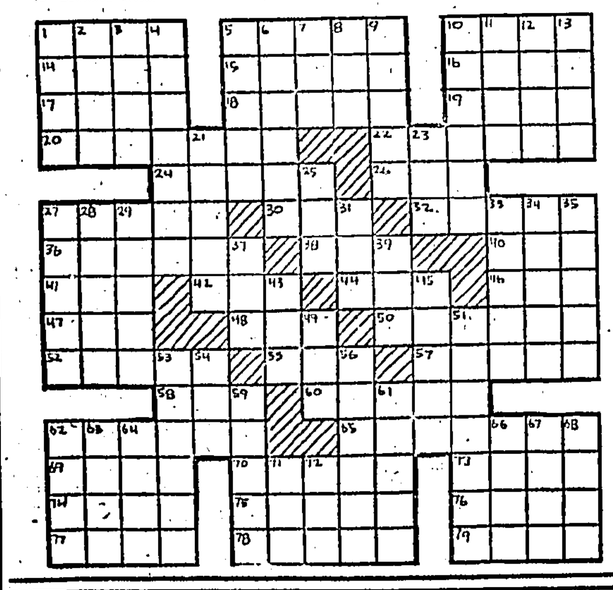
1—Charts
5—Plant-louse
10—Agricultural tract
14—In India, children's nurse
15—Coat with metal
16—Medley
17—Turkish coins
18—Textile fiber
19—Remove forcibly
20—Breach of faith
22—Withdraw from union
24—Payments for use of property
26—Rather than
27—Smooth with beak
30—Siamese measure, equals 44.44 yards
32—Allow to enter
36—Muzzle-loading device for gun
38—Reckoning
40—Single
41—Rounded mass
42—Bone attached to spine
44—Small cake
46—Firearm
47—Have power of sight
48—Take meal
50—Safe
52—Mistake
55—Female deer
57—Gentleman's gentleman
58—Cause to escape
60—Lay in surrounding matter
62—East-Indian herb
65—Not conforming to standards
69—Common metal
70—Before
73—Ornamental vessel
74—Excited with interest
75—Billow
76—Land of the Irish
77—Minute article
78—Trapped in tree
79—Repose

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Artificially germinated grain
2—Prince of Afghanistan
3—Cut edge off
4—One who cuts with scissors
5—Covering for clothes
6—Fixes permanently
7—Dried grass
8—Japanese statesman (died 1909)
9—Of large mass per unit volume
10—Accomplished by violence
11—On sheltered side
12—Skin of whale
13—Fashion
21—Spanish title of respect
25—Put in place
27—Tedious discourse
28—Not happening so often
29—Extinguished brand
31—Seize suddenly
33—One of yellow race
34—Accustom
35—Principle
37—Pass from life
39—Passenger vehicle
43—Wicked
45—At no time
49—Pedal digit
51—Corpse
53—Reddish-yellow
54—Alcoholic liquor
56—Come into view
59—Quadruped
61—Beget young
62—Oriental country
63—Hence
64—Dirt from smoke
66—Vetch
67—Egyptian goddess
68—One hundredth dollar
71—Animal hair
72—Natural metal deposit



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HATE GROWS IN A TORTURED COUNTRY

A Picture of Rumania To-day

by

Donald J. Hall

(noted expert on Rumania and author of many books on that country)

The apparently suicidal road which Rumania has taken has two main causes, her geographical position between Germany and Russia, and the extraordinary ignorance of Rumanian public opinion. Long before the Germans took physical control, their pressure by threats had produced such a censorship that the country had very little idea not only of what was going on in the outside world but of what even its own leaders were doing. The Rumanian broadcasts from London were, and still are, about the only source of authentic news.

The appalling political massacre which has taken place recently shows the influence which Nazi methods have had on this tortured country and the lack of any real control of the violent elements in it. Those men who were killed were many of them men who knew too much about the Germans' plans.

The events in Rumania which have followed the Germans' loud declamations about the benefits of their "new order" in South-East Europe, have provided the most striking example of just what that "new order" brings. Whatever the mistakes made by Rumania's politicians in the past, and the corruption that has been rampant for years, it is fair to say that Rumania has been remarkably self-contained and contented.

Nazi Germany has changed all that. It has seized half of Transylvania, the precious province regarded by the Rumanians as the cradle of their people, it is stripping the land of food supplies, so that there, where there has always been such an abundance as to make the traveller think he had come to a land of milk and honey, there is a growing shortage of necessities of life. On top of this, the legal system of the "new order" has come into force—the seizure of property without just cause, the execution of men without trial, and all the horrors of the Gestapo.

But in Rumania, as everywhere, is increasing evidence that this "new order" is going to be one of the most important factors in destroying Nazi Germany. Already the confusion which has resulted from German intrigue is producing that dislocation of business and traffic which is most upsetting for the Germans.

The fear of Germany is growing steadily in all classes to bitter hatred. The magnificent fight which the Greeks are making, the reports of British successes which are filtering through, help to encourage the suffering Rumanians.

There may not be much that they can do openly as yet, but from my knowledge of Rumania I am sure that the German occupation is going to be made increasingly uncomfortable.

Private Life of a Private: Further Extract From the Diary of a Journalist in the Army

TOUGH GUY

DRUMMER-BOYS have gone down in history as a tough bunch. They hop from wheel to perilous wheel of the War Machine and cover themselves with glory.

They are familiar with bayonets before they have learned to handle a safety razor.

They are children of the storm.

It was rather shocking, therefore, to see a drummer with a glum face, sitting by the stove in the hut where we were rehearsing for the Camp Concert.

Behind him, two drummers—one with a cut knuckle, the other with a swollen lip—were indulging in sarcastic commentary.

"Curly's in love!"

"That's it. Curly's in love with a Naffy girl."

Curly said nothing. He shrugged his shoulders and stared at the stove.

A huge Corporal with a mouth like a break-back rat-trap and the eye of an executioner—a gaunt, grim, leather-faced veteran of many campaigns, who for some dark reason is known as "Bearsbreath"—leaned against the piano, and looked on moodily.

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IT was obvious that Bearsbreath, also, knew the meaning of gloom; of the peculiar, brief, sudden gloom of the soldier, who, committed to the Army for many long years, occasionally thinks of soft beds and white tablecloths.

He took his pipe out of his mouth, and said: "Sup, son? Browned orf?" Curly did not answer.

"Lost yer tongue, son?" "No," said Curly.

Then wassup?" "Nothing."

"How old are ya, son?" "Sixteen."

"Sixteen when?" "To-day."

"So that's it," said the Corporal; and tamped down the fiery ashes in his pipe with an insensitive finger. "Wanna see ya ma an' pa. That it?" Curly shrugged.

"Get 'ny birthday presents, son?" "Nup."

"Dad in work?" "Nup."

"Ma?" "Sick."

"Life ain't all wine-gums and doughnuts, ya know," said Bearsbreath. "I'm all right," said Curly.

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BEARSBREATH left the hut, and then returned. "Eeyar," he said; and dropped into Curly's lap a quarter-pound slab of nut-milk chocolate. "Many appery turns."

"Ta," said Curly.

"'Alf a mo," said Corporal Bearsbreath; and fumbled under his blouse. "Like this?" He held up a canvas belt with money-pouches in it.

It was easy to see that this belt had gone with him through all the vicissitudes of his hard forty years. It was encrusted, from end to end, with dozens of glittering regimental badges and numerals.

Old soldiers treasure such belts, which often represent all that they have to show for a lifetime of soldiering.

Curly said "Coo!"

"I dowannit. You can 'ave it," said the Corporal, and stamped out of the hut.

"Let's look!" cried the two other drummers. "Let's see."

"Ain't it a smasher?" said Curly, laughing and sniffing at the same time; while the Lad from the Elephant and Castle, wide-eyed, said: "Wot on earth come over ole Bearsbreath?"



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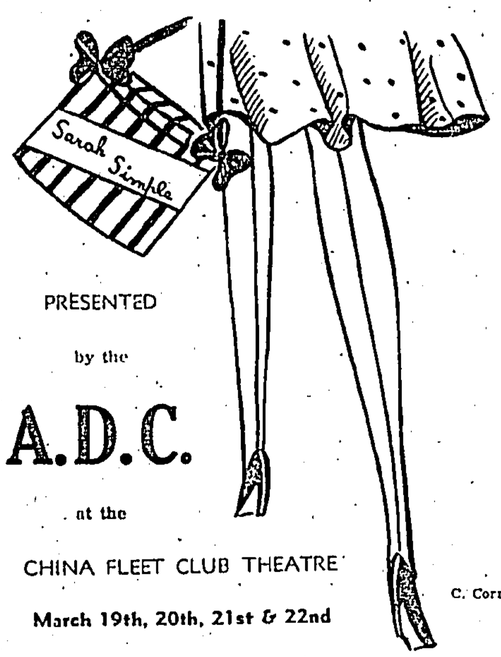
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

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RICE STORAGE

AMONGST the many emergency problems which Government has been striving to anticipate and provide for during recent months, the most vexatious and complicated has been the accumulation and successful storage of rice for the Colony's tens of thousands of Chinese inhabitants. First move was to secure access to rice imports and simultaneously to control exports, the latter depending on whether import shipments remained normal. The Indo-China trouble seriously upset rice exports from the French colony to Hongkong, and the necessity for maintaining the fullest possible rice reserves became immediately apparent.

Yesterday Mr F. C. Barry, Controller of Rice, painted an encouraging picture of the rice situation at the moment; nevertheless one hesitates to regard it with complete equanimity. Two impressive points emerged from his statement. One, that deterioration in stored rice is inevitable, and that this deterioration could be expected after five to six months of storage; the other, that experiments had demonstrated that rice could be stored without suffering up to two years under an air conditioning system.

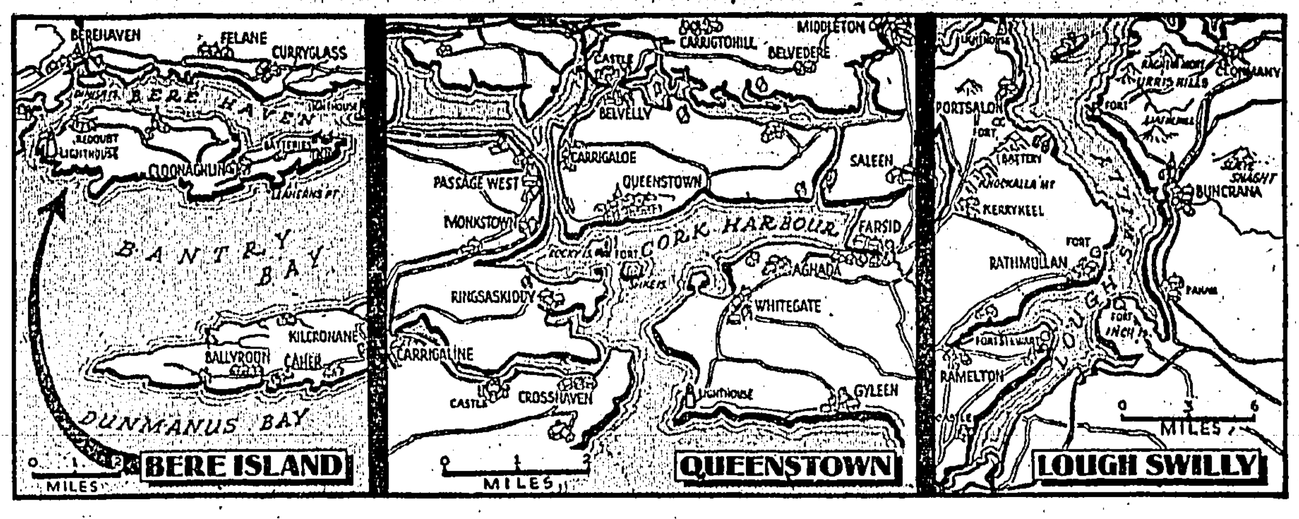
It would appear that the air conditioning experiments, although carried out on a small scale, have been successful, and therefore worthy of closer consideration. If the authorities are satisfied that, under air conditioning, the life of rice can be retained for something like two years without deterioration, the practicability of storing all the rice required for an emergency in air conditioned granaries deserves to be explored.

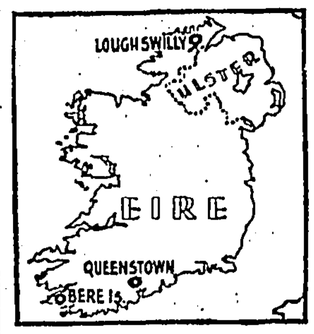
Biggest obstacle will be expense. It is doubtful whether any existing godowns could be converted to air conditioning except at considerable cost, and the same applies to the erection of specially constructed store houses. Even so, unless costs are absolutely prohibitive (and where Defence Measures are concerned, it is difficult to know when this stage is reached), this factor should not be allowed to stand in the way, providing the method is guaranteed to be effective.

Perhaps the private householder could be encouraged to have his own air conditioned store room, but clearly this suggestion is ruled out unless Government is willing and ready to see that cheap plant is put on the market, or alternatively that householders are subsidised.

The chief point seems to be for Government to satisfy itself about the efficacy of air conditioning in respect to the storing of rice. If this has been fully demonstrated, future policy should be guided by this assurance.

EIRE'S NAVAL BASES





THE Prime Minister told Parliament on November 5 that "the fact that we cannot use the south and west coasts of Ireland to refuel our flotillas and aircraft and thus protect the trade by which Ireland as well as Great Britain lives, is a most heavy and grievous burden and one which should never have been placed on our shoulders, broad though they may be."

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Later in the debate Mr Lees-Smith, leader of the Labour Opposition said "at the early stage of the war we had ports on the west of Germany, Plymouth and Portsmouth, and then as a result of the French collapse Germany obtained ports on the west of us. Obviously the remedy would be for us to have ports on the west of Germany, and those ports are there on the west coast of Ireland."

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When on April 25, 1938, Great Britain signed an agreement with the Government of Eire, she renounced all rights, which had been kept under the earlier treaty, to use the naval bases in Eire. The most important of these are in Bantry Bay, Cork Harbour and Lough Swilly. The three maps above show what valuable harbours these are and how easily they could be protected. At the present time the only harbours in the whole of Ireland available to us are those in Ulster.

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The smaller map, that of the whole island, also shows how advantageously are these ports placed for rapid and constant protection of the Atlantic sea routes used by our shipping. Mr de Valera on November 7 stated that so long as Eire remains neutral Britain will not be allowed the use of the ports which she freely surrendered in 1938.

Eire: What Price Neutrality?

By Walter W. Cunningham

CAN EIRE maintain its neutrality in the face of pressure from all sides to abandon it? The future alone can answer that question. Each day the demand in the English press becomes more insistent for the use of the bases which were returned to Eire in 1938. These bases, located at Berehaven, Lough Swilly, and Cobh, are claimed to be vital to the British Navy in its task of dealing with the growing menace to its sea lanes from U-boats, raiders, and planes.

In the last war, the convoy system proved a sufficient answer to the U-boat. Since then things have changed. The coast of France is now in the hands of the Germans, and Nazi machines and ships are able to operate from Brest, Bordeaux, and Lorient, thus seriously hampering, if not virtually closing, one of the most important approaches to the British Isles. Moreover, Italy is uniting its forces in the attack upon the British blockade, convoy, and patrol arrangements.

In view of this multiple threat, the question of Eire's neutrality has come to the forefront. Eire, through its Premier, Eamon De Valera, has warned the world that it will resist invasion by any belligerent. It is not unsympathetic to the British cause, except in the case of an extremely small minority, but it refuses to jeopardise its peace for the sake of democracy, or any other ideology. It has suffered from wars for 700 years and has no desire to take part in another, particularly where England is concerned.

What of invasion by Germany? The possibility, it claims, has been taken into full consideration. It discounts the argument that the Nazis may try to use Eire as a back door into England, asserting that it has forces sufficient to deal with any eventuality. On this point, the neighbours of Eire are less sanguine. They argue, and with good reason, that Eire's protective fleet is negligible, and that while Eire is reputed to have organised land forces estimated at 250,000 men, its real safety depends upon the British fleet and air forces.

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EIRE wants to be free. It wants no persuasion or coercion from any other state. It wants to keep clear of a war that was not of its own making, and for whose outbreak it takes not the remotest responsibility. It rests secure in the hope that its neutrality will serve as a shield, and will prevent one or other of the combatants from finding an excuse or a motive for committing some overt act. Its statesmen want to go on with the orderly development of its resources.

How realistic this objective is, it is not easy to fathom. Eire is an agricultural country and virtually the whole of its products find a market in England. Before the present war, Eire followed a policy based to a certain degree upon self-containment. It encouraged home industries, and sprinkled factories for the manufacture of much-needed goods all over the country. But the disorganisation of commerce consequent upon the opening of hostilities in Europe had a serious effect upon this enterprise. As the days wore on, the situation grew worse. And, quite recently, Mr De Valera was forced to broadcast the news that Eire's supplies were being rapidly exhausted, and that, if some means of replenishing them were not found, a serious crisis might ensue.

How were the supplies to be brought in? Hardly in British ships, unless in a limited degree. For the British people themselves have had to forego many things to free vessels for service along the coast of Africa, and to carry much-needed planes and munitions from the United States and the Dominions. In the face of all this, how could shipping be diverted to help Eire, which had refused to throw in its lot with Great Britain?

The theory has been advanced by some writers that if an end to partition were offered to Eire, it might come into the war on the side of the forces opposed to aggression. This theory would be difficult to sustain were all the factors to be taken into consideration. In the first place, Mr De Valera has repeatedly asserted that he will never surrender his long-cherished independence, and his opponents hold that it is this independence which has proved the principal barrier to unity. In the second place, Eire wants peace at all costs.

So much for the South. What of the North?

Ulster has never been opposed to union with the South. But it has always made unity contingent upon three conditions:

1. That the German and Italian ambassadors should be asked to leave the country.

2. That Eire should abandon neutrality. "We have either to fight for Britain in every way," said the late Lord Craigavon in a speech, "or we are against her along the horrible dirty path of neutrality."

3. That questions regarding the abolition of partition should be postponed until after the war.

"Was it an unfair thing to ask that all political questions of a disturbing nature of this kind should be laid aside so as not to hamper us in our efforts to beat the enemy?" asked the former Premier. "In the task of beating that enemy I hope that Ulster will be able to play her full part, sharing the sorrows and horrors as well as the rejoicings in the final triumph."

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THE burden of the late Lord Craigavon's thought was aid to Britain, and he put the question to his challengers:

"Would it strengthen and help the defences of Great Britain if the whole of Ulster were neutral like the South? If the Army and the Navy and Air Force were told that this being a neutral part of Ireland, they must retire and go back to their own country, in England, Scotland, and Wales, would that help the British people?"

Lord Craigavon likened the two parts of Ireland to Canada and the United States, which, too, were divided by a boundary. Yet they never sought the elimination of that border line. "There is North America and there is South America," he added. "We have Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland."

It is true he omitted from consideration the religious differences which have kept the two divisions of Ireland apart.



MR DE VALERA, the enigma of Western Europe. Where is his policy leading Eire?

In the South, Roman Catholicism has been recognised by the Constitution as the predominant religion. This has resulted in the North declaring itself, through one of its statesmen, a Protestant state, although this spokesman was careful to say that the Roman Catholic minority had and would always have the same rights and privileges as other religious sects.

Apart from the religious question, there are economic and political problems of a formidable character. There are no tariff and custom restrictions in the trade between Northern Ireland and England, and there are political advantages which accrue to Ulster as a result of its identifying itself with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Unity, therefore, seems out of the question at this time. The issue of the moment is the Irish naval and air bases, which figure so vitally in the subject of Eire's neutrality. It would be wrong to assume, however, that naval and air bases alone in the hands of England would end the U-boat menace. The situation is too serious and complex for that. The heartfelt gratitude expressed upon the announcement that 50 United States destroyers were being transferred to Britain was evidence enough of the crying need for something other than bases. Likewise the constant demand for aeroplanes and war material. Yet the recurrent and insistent appeal through the press and in public for the Irish bases is significant, and indicative of England's plight.

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TO SAY that the situation in Ireland is full of anomalies is to put it mildly. Even if the geographic position is considered, it is not clear. Ulster isn't really Ulster. The six counties of which it is composed are actually only two thirds of the province, for there are nine counties in Ulster. Yet in Parliament and out of it, Northern Ireland is invariably referred to as Ulster. The other 26 counties in Ireland are known as Eire. Now Eire means Ireland. Yet Eire is only part of Ireland. Moreover, Ulster is frequently referred to as the North, and it is no more the North than Eire is the South. Ulster is in the northeast of the country.

Then again, in the South, English is largely spoken but Gaelic is obligatory in the schools.

But all this, although enlightening, is incidental. Issues which in the past have loomed large upon the horizon have now almost vanished in the face of the threat to Western civilisation. Paramount above all other considerations is what is the best course to take. Compromises of various kinds have been suggested, and none of them has come to anything. The outlook, however, is not as bleak as it would seem, for circumstances have a way of altering cases, and circumstances which are approaching in the present war may solve the problem of air and naval bases, without the immediate or direct interference of either belligerent.—*From the "Christian Science Monitor."*

Silk Stockings From Seaweed

Seaweed, collected in peace time from the Hebrides alone to the tune of 400,000 tons a year, is about to be used in Britain on a commercial scale for the production of rayon for stockings, underwear, and other knitted and woven goods.

In explaining the nature of the new textile to the Bradford Society of Dyers and Colourists at Leeds University, Professor J. B. Speakman soaked a piece of it in petrol and set it alight. The petrol simply burned away, leaving the fabric quite unaltered.

Alginic Acid

Seaweed contains between 20 and 30 per cent. of alginic acid, and the new rayon is the result of a discovery for obtaining alginates which are resistant to alkalis. The rayon is non-inflammable because it contains an inorganic material as an essential part of its constitution.

Research work has been going on for about two years, and, as the supply of seaweed is almost inexhaustible and there to be picked up, the present discovery is expected to have an important war time effect in the saving of shipping space.

Library, Supreme Court

American Eagle Squadron

Two Formed In U.K.

(BY "REUTER'S" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

R.A.F. FIGHTER STATION, Mar. 18.—Pilots who are anxious to debunk the quip that they are the "glamour boys" of the R.A.F. and whose one desire is to make their squadron one of which Britain and America will be proud, form the personnel of the American Eagle Squadron I visited to-day.

No Nazi plane came their way while I was there. The enemy no longer takes up all their time over Britain and the squadron have yet to bring down their first victim as a squadron.

Recruits are coming in fast enough to form a second Eagle Squadron; they are now completing operational training in England.

The squadron's tale of impatient longing to get at the enemy is the new cry of many hundreds of veteran British and Allied fighter pilots, whose ranks these young Americans have joined.

Wider Range

The Hurricanes with which they are equipped will help the American Eagles play their part in the operations which will no longer be confined to metropolitan defence, for the enemy must now be sought more often far out to sea and quite often beyond the continental coastline.

The squadron will operate exactly the same way as other fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. and great things are expected of this very shy but determined band of America's first war pilots.



STILL DOING BUSINESS—Often have Axis communiques reported sinking of Britain's huge aircraft carrier, Ark Royal. But she is still in active service. Here, Italian planes attempt to wreck the ship, but their bombs fall short. Action picture was taken in the Mediterranean.

Observer's Account Of Night Assault On City Of Berbera

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—An epic story of the recapture of Berbera, the capital of British Somaliland, is told in a cable received from Aden to-day.

At one point, the success of the whole operation depended on four men in a boat stealing silently towards the Somaliland coast.

The outstanding impression left by the operation is the "unchangeable loyalty of the Somalis, whose territory had been usurped by the Italians."

About midnight on March 15-16, the liberating fleet, consisting of troopships convoyed by warships, stole silently towards the coast. Clouds scudded across the sky and occasionally allowed the moon to illuminate the flat shore with the mountains beyond.

Previous aerial photographic operations gave the commanders of the expedition full knowledge of the terrain and the assault was planned to force the Italians to divide their already depleted and demoralised forces.

Two landings were planned. The western landing was entrusted to picked Indian troops with supporting engineers and artillery, while the eastern landing was to be carried out by Arabs and Somalis specially recruited at Aden under British officers.

Faith of Somalis

The implicit faith of the Somalis in British ability to restore to them land impressed everyone at Aden.

Four men in a boat had the task of landing without disturbing the enemy and marking out the landing beach.

After an apparently interminable period of waiting, the signal flashed news of the successful accomplishment of this task. Suddenly at zero hour, like a flash of thunder, naval gunfire shattered the quiet night. Naval shells ripped through the air, exploding inland.

It was later learned that although a large number of Italians had left the town under cover of darkness shortly before the British approach, those who remained were sufficiently numerous to require force to crush them.

Away on the right, the western landing force went into action and a way had been paved for the eastern force of Somalis and Arabs to land and advance towards the town two miles away.

Artillery Outclassed

Italian machine-guns and field guns, attempting to stem the assault, were outclassed by the accuracy of the British naval fire which was more praiseworthy in view of the murky and cloudy nature of the night.

The Somalis and Arabs continued to advance and news came of the complete success of the major attack in the west.

By 9.20 a.m. all was over; Berbera was again in British hands. Over 100 prisoners were taken while the British casualties were negligible.

Even during the bombardment, the inhabitants of Berbera came running to meet the British forces, waving Union Jacks and Somali flags which had been hidden from the Italians.

The Italians had blown up the pass on the road to Sheik but the Somalis were already busy repairing it to aid the British pursuit.

Miserable Prisoners

Within a few hours of reoccupation, transports and stores were being landed and the British officers examined the forlorn and miserably-equipped Italian prisoners.

The major commanding them burst into tears when handing over his revolver. "I am an old soldier," he said, epitomising the general feeling regarding the degradation to which Mussolini's African gamble has led a once free and cultured people.

Brilliant Co-Operation

CAIRO, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The recapture of Berbera has provided a supreme example of co-operation between the three services.

The R.A.F. first bombed and photographed the enemy positions. The fleet bombarded the town and finally two forces landed at dawn, meeting with only slight opposition.

The whole operation was brilliantly executed and took only five hours to carry out.

Exiled Dutch Premier On His Way to N.E.I.

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Premier of the exiled Dutch Government, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, accompanied by his wife arrived here by Clipper to-day and said he was en route to the Netherlands East Indies to "talk things over with the Governor-General there."

He asserted that his Government did not expect Japan to invade the Dutch islands in the Pacific and added: "We have had three and a half centuries of peace with Japan and I do not see any signs to give me any reason for concern."

When asked whether or not his Government would ask protection for the Indies, he replied: "We accept protection from nobody; however, if attacked, then I believe our interests, British interests and your (United States) interests would be parallel."

Due In N.E.I. April 1

BATAVIA, Mar. 18 (Domei).—Dr E. N. van Kleffens, Foreign Minister, and Mr Charles M. Welter, Minister for Colonies, of the Netherlands Government in London, are arriving here from London on April 1.

Mr Ritman, spokesman, said that the visit has no special purpose but is to make routine consultations between the home Government and the East Indies Government.

The spokesman said that the Japanese-Dutch negotiations would be greatly accelerated by the visit.

The spokesman denied that the two Ministers would proceed to Singapore or Sydney after visiting here.

Donations For Bomber Fund

A total of $1,693,394.54 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

R.A. Sergeants' Mess, Stanley (second donation)	$100
Gordons, Ltd. (monthly donation)	10
Sergeants' Mess, H.K.V.D.C., Fanling Camp	80.50
"Fanling Poker"	50
Craigengower Cricket Club (second donation)	70
Hongkong Police Force (All Contingents and Clerical Staff) February (sixth donation)	604.20
Sanitary Department Subordinate Staff's Club	100

In sending the donation from the Sanitary Department Club, the Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council, wrote:

I have much pleasure in sending to you the sum of $100 for the Bomber Fund from members of the Sanitary Department Subordinate Staff's Club. This club is composed of the lowliest grades of staff employed by this Department—Scavenging and Cleansing Coolies, Refuse carriermen and their Foremen and Overseers, Motor Drivers for Refuse Lorries, and Sanitary Department Vans and artisans and labourers of various kinds. This time last year they contributed a like sum to the B. W. O. F.

You will agree with me, I am sure, that these spontaneous acts, in days of ever increasing prices, are a marvellous pledge of the loyalty of these men.

Much Travelled Donovan Home

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's "Ambassador-at-Large," arrived here by air after a 20,000-miles tour of the European and African war zones.

Colonel Donovan said that he had obtained information which he hoped would be "of value to the United States in preparation for her own defences."

CHINA FIGHTING CLAIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (UP).—A communique issued to-day states that Ponanchen near the end of the Chungtiao range in south-west Shansi was entered by Chinese forces from several directions at midnight March 14 "wiping up numerous Japanese troops, destroying over a dozen gun emplacements, scores of barracks and one storehouse."

Fighting is still progressing.

The strategic heights south-east of Vicheng, about 130 kilometres north-east of Ponanchen were recaptured yesterday noon.

On other fronts near Chungtiaoshan, it said that after the re-capture of Lingchwan in south-east Shansi on March 12, Chinese forces regained all points they have lost since the Japanese offensive started on March 5.

Foraging In Waichow

WAICHOW, Mar. 19 (Central News).—A Japanese detachment which landed at Fanhokang on the coast in Waichow on March 16 to forage provisions was intercepted and heavily decimated by the Chinese. The raiders plundered numerous villages in the vicinity of Fanhokang and set fire to many houses before retiring to their warships.

Anhwei Province

TSINAN, Mar. 18 (Domei).—Leaving Lingpi and Szehsien in north-eastern Anhwei Province on March 13, a Japanese Army column surprised about 300 Communist troops of the Eighth Route Army near Chiatsi.

About 500 Communist troops of the New Fourth Army were attacked by a Japanese Army detachment near Chukikow on the Honan-Anhwei border. The Reds in the course of a northward movement were repulsed with heavy losses.

Ambush In India

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—One Indian officer and one Indian other rank were killed and one British officer and two Indian other ranks were wounded, when a staff car was ambushed on the Bannu-Mirali road.

Americans To Leave Unoccupied France

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—American citizens in Unoccupied France have been asked by the United States Embassy to leave, according to a Paris dispatch to the German official news agency.

The agency adds that their permits will not be renewed.

Addressed HK Rotary Club

The Hongkong Rotary Club in particular and many newspaper people in China also, will be sorry to learn that Luigi Barzini, Italian correspondent, is, or was at the beginning of the war in imprisonment in the islands to which the Fascist Government exiles all malcontents.

C. M. Franzero, London Correspondent of the "Giornale d'Italia" and now writing for the "Daily Telegraph" since his anti-Fascist feelings made it impossible for him to return to Italy, says that in April last year, just before Italy's entry into the war, he visited Italy. There he learned that Barzini had been arrested and sentenced without trial to five years "in the islands," because he had expressed himself rather openly in a cafe on the comparative importance of Mussolini, Hitler and Ciano.

Barzani was one of the Italian correspondents on the Panay when she was sunk by the Japanese. When he was passing through Hongkong he was invited to give an account of this experience and this he did in a charming and fluent speech free from all Fascist sentiment.

ALBANIAN WAR RESPITE

—*Italians Quiet*

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The crushing defeat sustained by the Italians when their seven-day offensive on the Albanian front was hurled back has forced them into inactivity, according to the Greek radio.

The only activity was by Greek patrols.

It is not at all certain that reorganisation will permit the enemy to risk another offensive.

Local Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Repeated Italian local attacks were repulsed with considerable losses by the Greeks to-day, states a Greek communique, according to the Athens radio.

A successful manoeuvre in the Aros region results in 165 prisoners being taken.

U.S.—Larder Of Democracies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt revealed to-day that he had asked the public health service to prepare a list of foods, including vitamins, needed by Britain and other democracies.

Most of the food to be furnished, he said, would be sent to Britain but other democracies were involved and also Spain.

President Roosevelt added that the Red Cross was completing arrangements for two cargoes of food to be sent to Unoccupied France.

Indian Princes

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Princes' Chamber has recorded its heartiest gratification at the victories in Albania and Africa and its pride in the magnificent part played by Italian troops.

Plead "Not Guilty"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Manager of the Trans-Ocean News Agency Dr Zapp, and his assistant Herr Tonn, pleaded not guilty in the United States District Court to an indictment charging failure to comply with the Foreign Registration Act of 1938.

Crack Liner Bremen Badly Damaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 18 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the fire on the liner Bremen has been extinguished, but that the liner has been severely damaged.

Raid Warning To Two Indian Districts

DIBRUGARH, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur District has warned the people of Digboi and Tinsukia to be ready for possible air attacks.



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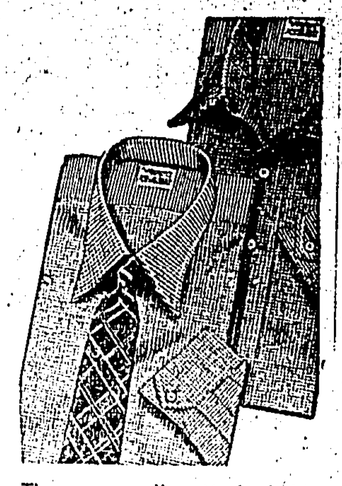
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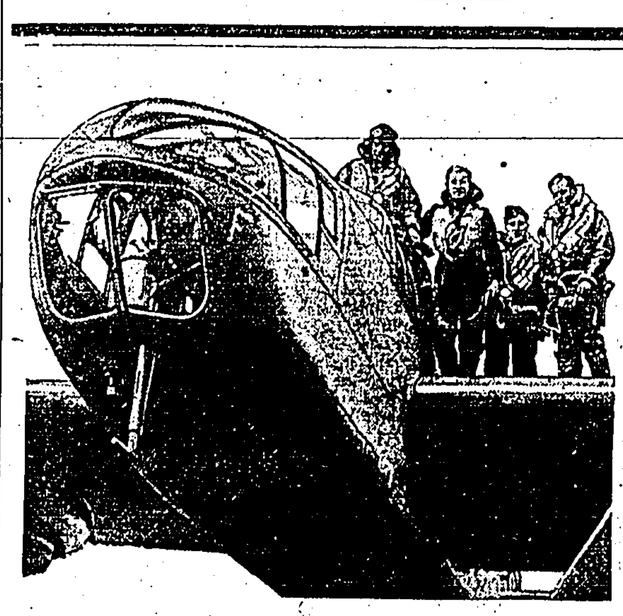
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Around The Courses

Australians Aid Red Cross Fund

Gutta Percha v. Modern Ball Match At New South Wales

(By "Birdie")

EMULATING the Ancient v. Modern match that was arranged by Henry Cotton at Home last year, Australian golfers recently played one of their own in aid of the War Funds. This, actually, was for the Soldiers' Comforts Fund, but many others have been played for the Red Cross Fund.

In this match of gutta-percha ball v. the modern rubber-cored ball, Sam Bolger (N. S. Wales professional champion, and 1936 Open champion) partnered Sam Richardson (1935 N. S. Wales professional champion) against Fred Popplewell (1925 and 1928 Open champion) and Victor James and lost 2 and 1, using the gutta-percha ball.

Bolger, with hickory shafted clubs, went round in 79 (eight over par for the Bonnie Doon course, N.S.W.) and Richardson, with steel shafts, took 81. They slammed and slammed, but the little solid ball would not go.

The veterans with the rubber-cored balls out-drove their opponents by 50-60 yards with the wind, and by 30-90 yards against the wind. And after about a dozen holes, the gutta-percha balls began to swerve, wobble and dive like snipe, especially against the wind.

At one hole—540 yards against the wind—it took Richardson three perfectly-hit woods to reach the green!

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FORTY-TWO birdies in 129 holes were scored by Harry Hattersley (1930 Open champion) and Sam Richardson in a recent pro and amateur knock-out foursomes competition for the War Funds. This was the first time that amateurs and pros have ever associated in the same tournament in Australia.

Duchesses and maids serve side by side at Home, and now here's another fetish broken. War breaks down many artificial barriers.

In challenge matches for the Red Cross, however, no combination of pros has been able to defeat Allan Waterson (who beat Jim Ferrier in the last N.S.W. amateur championship) and D. J. Davies, (who was runner-up).

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THE return match between the Country Club and Kowloon has been definitely fixed for March 30 on the Sheungshui course. The teams will be fourteen-a-side with singles in the morning and fourballs in the afternoon.

It was hoped to arrange the return match for the women on the same day, but Kowloon are already committed to a match that day, so the game with the Country Club will be held on a later date at Sheungshui.

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THE courses have been very wet. Two Sundays, though, have been remarkable in that they dawned with heavy rains, but the sun shone before the day was over. There was quite a bit of casual water on the first, second and third fairways a Sheungshui, but the course was playable.

The first at Kowloon retained and still has much water. These, however, are the months wherein it is permissible to pick up and drop plugged balls at Kowloon without penalty.

The second green at the latter course has been improved (though one or two players do not think so) in that it has been enlarged and slopes. Attempt has been made to undulate the surface, and putts thereon are now subject to trigonometrical calculation, for, unless one is putting uphill, it is a very difficult three.

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JIM Ferrier won the Miami Open—which included professionals, and which is an American Tournament—yet when L. D. Carson went down to the Philippines last month and wanted to enter for the P. I. Open, the Tennis officials told him that if he did so he would be barred from the tennis competition because in the Golf Competition there was a prize of $5,000, and in playing he would have been classed as a professional!

It seems a rather novel departure from the usual rules of an "Open" tournament. As I understand it, in "Open" competitions, the first amateur is awarded a trophy of some sort, and the first professional takes the money prize. How then was Carson affected?

Programme For April Meeting

Following is the programme for the meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held on April 6:

Chinshan Handicap.—China ponies E Class. Six Furlongs. Entries will be divided into three sections at the discretion of the handicapper.

Lingnan Handicap.—China ponies D Class. Five Furlongs.

Lung Chen Handicap: Forced entry for Y Class China ponies. One Mile.

Shekki Plate China Ponies, X Class. Six Furlongs.

Entries close on March 27, at Noon.

Badminton

Further Matches In Colony Championship

TWO MATCHES in the Junior Singles, one in the Junior Doubles and a Mixed Doubles match comprised the Colony Badminton Championship programme at the Club de Recreio last night. Results were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

W. E. Gillespie beat A. L. Gordon 15-3, 15-7; T. S. Young beat J. Tsang 18-13, 18-16.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies beat W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung 15-3, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

H. C. and Miss D. Eardley beat W. E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong 15-7, 15-6.

The best match of the evening was that between Young and Tsang in the Singles. Players were evenly matched, and every point was hotly contested. Young, if anything, was superior at the net, and this was the deciding factor of the game. Tsang smashed well, though Young, as often as not, was able to return the shuttle.

In each of the remaining games, it was the case of the better players (and greatly so) who won. W. E. Gillespie after winning his singles was seen in action a second time for the evening when he partnered Miss F. Wong against H. C. and Miss Decima Eardley, former Shanghai champions.

Army Snooker

R.E. Sergeants Take Lead From Medicals

DEFEATING Signals Corporals 6-0, Engineer Sergeants have wrested the leadership of the garrison snooker league from Medical Corps for the first time since the start of the tournament.

Medicals were only a point ahead prior to the Sergeants' victory and could register only a 4-2 win over Engineers A, which placed them a point in arrears.

The last match of the season will be played to-morrow when Engineer Sergeants and Medical Corps meet at Whitfield Barracks. Medicals cannot afford to draw in this decisive game for the Windsor Shield.

Results

Four matches were played on Monday,—the results being.—Artillery Sergeants (Stanley) beat Pay Corps 5-1; Medicals beat Engineers A 4-2; Engineer Sergeants beat Signals Corporals 6-0; Signals A and Military Police drew 3-3.

Following is the table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Engineer Sergeants	13	9	2	2	53
R.A.M.C.	13	8	1	4	52
R.A. Sgts (Stanley)	13	6	2	5	44
Police	13	2	4	7	37
Engineers A	13	2	5	6	35
Pay Corps	13	3	6	4	32
Signals A	13	3	8	2	30
Signals Corporals	13	2	7	4	29

International Cup Final

The following soccer teams have been selected to represent England and Scotland in the final of the *Sunday Herald* Cup at Boundary Street on April 6:

England—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Roughley (Navy), Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police), Bright (Middlesex) Captain, Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), le Page (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Saw (Middlesex), Marrable (Middlesex). Reserves.—Moxham (R.E.), Parker (Middlesex), Britt (Navy), Parker (Police), Farrow (Club); Fox (R.E.), Barber (Navy), Coomer (Middlesex).

Scotland.—Bankier (Scots); Naysmith (Scots), Fraser (Scots) Captain; Munro (Scots), Birrell (R.E.), Clarke (Scots); Garry (Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (Scots), Howlett (Police), Marshall (Scots).

Reserves.—Blackburn (Police), Lamb (Swinton), Gilroy (Scots), Hutchison (Signals), Scott (Club).

LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball . . . South China "A" beat King's College 21-11 in this volleyball match at the Botanic Athletic Ground on Sunday.—*Sun Ying-ming Studio.*

Inauspicious Opening Of Tennis Championships

Results According To Book

OPENING MATCHES of the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club last night provided nothing by which to mark the occasions. The Tsui brothers were on view, as was H. D. Rumjahn but their opposition was nothing very great. The Japanese entrants, O. Umetani and T. Imura, showed promise, though they, too, had an easy passage into the next round.

Results were:

OPEN SINGLES

H D. Rumjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.

Once more it seems that the same players are to reach the final stages. These, it is true, were but the first matches of the Tournament, but if they are any criterion there has been little or no improvement in the Colony tennis.

Typical Tsui's

THE TSUI brothers put up a show typical of their early matches. They took the first set easily, and though credit must be given to their opponents for improvement in the second, the Tsuis had slackened off.

H. D. Rumjahn, at no period, was extended by W. J. Howard. The Japanese players were new material, and though guilty of several errors in the opening set, settled down to tennis that showed promise.

Results of the Club competitions were:

Club Handicap Singles.—H. Van Leeuwem beat L. P. Ralph 6-3, 6-4; A. T. Dow beat M. A. Biereus de Haan 6-0, 6-3.

Club Handicap Doubles.—D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop beat N. Spence and E. Newton 6-8, 6-2, 6-2.

Match Cancelled

To-day's rugby game between Club A and Navy A has been cancelled as Club are unable to field a team.

Cricket Teams

The following will represent Craigengower against Indians in a first division league cricket match on Saturday at Sookunpoo.—E. Zimmern (Capt), A. D. Hansom, A. J. Hulse, A. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard; T. Locke, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young, Gaye.

INTER-UNIT LEAGUE

The following will represent the Artillery against Engineers in the semi-final of the large units knockout competition at 2 p.m. to-day at Sookunpoo, to decide who will play Combined Small Units in the final.—Brig. T. McLeod, Major C. R. Templer, Capt P. J. T. Skipwith, Lieut L. J. A. Feilden, Lieut Pearce, Lieut J. L. C. Pearce, Lieut K. Allanson, Lieut J. Fox, Lieut Plummer, Lieut D. Clague, Gnr Barsby. Reserve, Gnr Dobbinson.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941,** commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Softball At Night

Suggestions For Local Enthusiasts To Consider

Flood-Light Advantages

(By "Ball Fan")

THE EXASPERATION of softball postponements due to various reasons with the acknowledged one week wait before resuming schedule, has its discouraging repercussions especially toward the end of each year's schedule when Hongkong's rainy season puts in its depressing appearance, just about the time when the pennant chase is at its sizzling point.

With the growing popularity of this game in the Colony, night softball, or softball under the floodlights should take a commanding spot in the so-called "improvement of this game" in Hongkong.

In Canada and the United States, hundreds of softball fields from coast to coast have presented night games for years, and the number is growing annually. Successful play under floodlights demands a high level of illumination, so distributed that the field itself and the ball as it flies through the air, can be seen clearly from all positions by both players and spectators.

Advantages

SOFTBALL'S years of experience with night games have definitely proved that teams play as well at night as in daylight; in fact the advantages are manifold. With proper floodlighting, play is often speeded up and made easier.

This may be proven by the fact that from the first pitch to the final out, the light never varies. Players are never handicapped by the change from glaring sunlight to dark shadows, encountered as a daytime or twilight game progresses. Under floodlighting every part of the playing field is lighted evenly and stays that way throughout the game.

And a white ball is much easier and more quickly seen against a background of black sky than against a light sky during the day.

After A Weary Day

FROM an active as well as a commercial point of view, more games could be played during the season, attracting greater crowds. Here in the Colony practically all athletic events are held during the week-ends, resulting in a divided attendance at the different sporting attractions.

In the evenings during the week, ball fans after a hard day's work would find real relaxation and enjoyment in a rip-roaring, lingo filled softball session as we have them here during our Sunday confabs at the Kowloon ball park.

Greater crowds and new converts to this amazingly popular game would be the result.

American Methods

IN America, most softball parks which have night games have floodlights located in groups or banks at advantageous points. This way of grouping appears to produce better results than lights which are in a continuous row encircling the playing aren.

A most important factor lies in the fact that there must be a minimum of glare or shadow, so that neither players nor spectators will be annoyed by, nor conscious of, light from the lamps.

Another essential point in the successful operation of night games is the proper focusing of the floodlights which has an important bearing in bringing out the maximum effort of an active player as well as giving the gashouse faithful complete comfort all round.

With softball really coming into its own in the Colony and gradually wending its way up the ladder to the pinnacle of Hongkong's major sporting attractions, the floodlight-or-night game should be an accepted fact here, in the not too distant future.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The following are the soccer fixtures for Saturday:

WAR CUP

Third Round, South

Chelsea v. Queen's P.R.; Mansfield v. Leicester; Tottenham v. Cardiff.

Third Round, North

Manchester C. v. Everton; Middlesbro' v. Newcastle; Sheffield U. v. Barnsley; Tranmere v. Preston N.E.

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Fulham; Millwall v. Arsenal; West Ham v. Reading.

LEAGUE, SOUTH

Bournemouth v. Portsmouth; Brighton v. Luton; Watford v. Southampton.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Crystal Pal.—v. Brentford; Notts C. v. Lincoln; Stoke v. West Brom.

NORTH REGIONAL

Bolton v. Bury; Bradford C. v. Stockport; Doncaster v. Chesterfield; Halifax v. Burnley; Hull v. Grimsby; Leeds v. Sheffield Wednesday; Liverpool v. Blackpool; Oldham v. Manchester United; Southport v. New Brighton; Wrexham v. Chester.

WEST REGIONAL

Bath v. Lovells; Bristol City v. Aberaman; Cardiff Corinthians v. Swansea.

SCOTTISH CUP

Celtic v. Airdrie; Partick v. Motherwell; Albion v. St Mirren; Hamilton v. Dumbarton; Third Lanark v. Dumbarton; Falkirk v. Rangers; Hibernian v. Clyde; Queen's Park v. Hearts.

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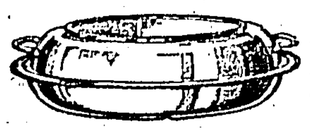
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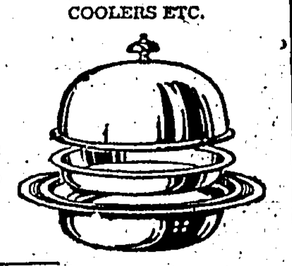
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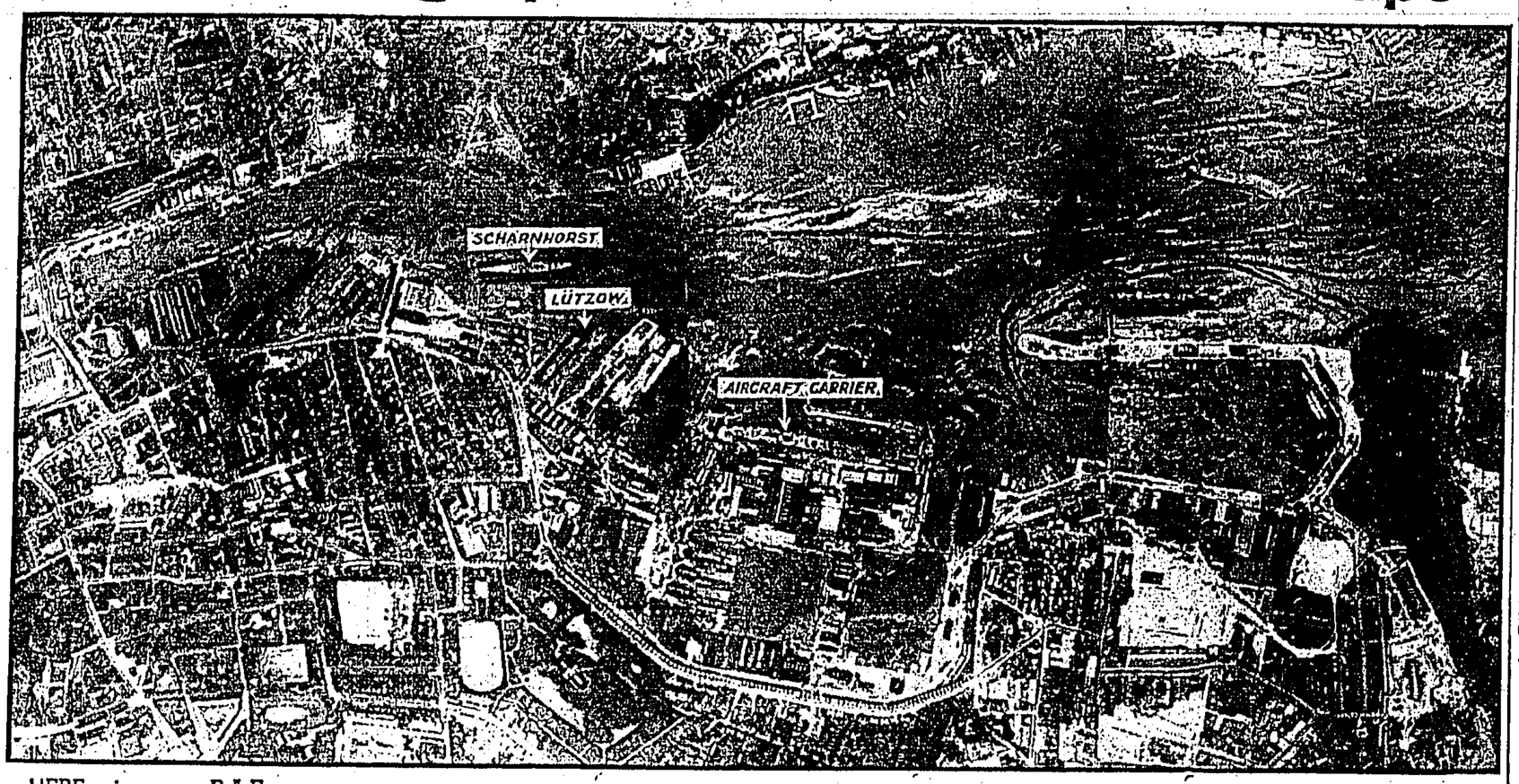
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RAF Photographs Battered Nazi Warships



HERE is an R.A.F. picture of battered warships at Kiel, which has been kept secret from the Nazis ever since the summer, when it was taken.

It has not been published before because the authorities did not want the Germans to know that we had such conclusive evidence of the condition and whereabouts of German warships.

Kiel is probably the most strongly defended war centre in the whole of Germany.

Yet our airmen, in face of balloon barrage, A.A. fire, and possible interception from fighters, were able to go over Kiel in daylight to take a series of remarkable photographs.

Tell-Tale Oil

At the time they were taken nearly every acre of water in the spacious harbour was streaked with oil, as the picture on the left, which is made up of three of the photographs, plainly shows.

Not long before the day on which the pictures were obtained the R.A.F. had carried out a heavy night raid on Kiel, and our pilots then reported particularly large fires.

The tell-tale streaks of oil in the picture almost certainly prove that oil installations were badly hit during the raid.

Well-known German warships, battered in various degrees, are seen undergoing repair.

They include the Scharnhorst, 26,000-tons battle-cruiser, lying helpless in a floating dock, showing unmistakable signs of bomb havoc, and the pocket battleship Lutzow (formerly the Deutschland) in dry dock with severe damage to the stern following a torpedo attack by a British submarine.

Badly Mauled

Stereoscopic pictures clearly indicate how badly mauled was this ex-Deutschland.

As she lies in the dry dock it can be seen that her stern is stripped to the keel.

The Graf Zeppelin, 19,250 tons aircraft carrier, which at the time the pictures were taken was being completed at Kiel, had been moved from her berth when further photographs were obtained a few days later.

Apparently the Nazis had taken to heart the lesson of the Scharnhorst which, there is every reason to believe, had been hit by bombs as she lay in the floating dock at Kiel, and had thereby suffered damage over and above that received while she was at sea.

The Nazis evidently decided to get such a large target as the Graf Zeppelin out of Kiel harbour as quickly as possible.

NAZI SOLDIERS TOLD HER OF THEIR FEARS

"It will be just like the other war. . . . How can we defeat England without invading it—how can we invade England without being defeated?" That was how German officers in occupied France talked to the wife of M. Pierre Krier, Luxembourg's Minister of Labour, who had to spend nearly six months in the Nazi-controlled territory.

M. Krier, veteran trade unionist and Socialist leader of the "pocket Grand Duchy," who recently reached London, told a "Daily Herald" of his wife's experiences. He told, too, of bitter rivalry between the regular German army and the picked Nazi S.S. formations.

When his country was invaded by the Germans in May—for the second time within 25 years—M. Krier first settled, with his staff, in Dijon, Burgundy.

Second Flight

But within one month he had to escape again. He arrived in Lisbon during the autumn.

Part of the Luxembourg Cabinet, with the Grand Duchess and her family, went to Canada.

It was decided that the Foreign Minister, M. Bech, and the Minister of Labour should go to London and keep in touch with the British Government.

During the invasion of France, M. Krier was separated from his wife, Madame Lily Krier-Becker, well-known in the International Socialist movement.

For nearly six months she had to stay in the German occupied zone.

It was only in December that she managed to get out of France and saw her husband again in Lisbon. Then she went across to Canada.

She speaks German fluently, and it was of her experiences, first in a little town in Burgundy and later in Paris, that M. Krier spoke.

Polite Opening

"In the first week of the invasion," he said, "everybody in France was agreeably surprised by the politeness of the German troops."

"But the feeling of relief soon vanished when the fighting troops were followed by the black-uniformed S.S. detachments, which became the masters.

"These men were rude, ruthless, haughty. They did all the dirty work of arresting, searching, questioning and requisitioning which the people had feared.

"'Les Quarante-Quatre, voila les mechants. . . . ('The forty-Fours—those are the wicked men') became a current phrase among the French."

It referred to the special S.S. badge on armlets and caps, a "lightning" symbol which recalls the figure forty-four.

The officers and men of the regular army did not conceal their disgust and hatred for the S.S., said M. Krier.

Snubbed S.S. Men

They openly talked about it to the French people. "We are Germans," they said, "but these men are Nazis."

They also complained about the higher pay of the S.S.—who were never sent into the battle—and could afford champagne and better wines and food than army pay would buy.

"Often German officers or soldiers sitting in restaurants and cafes would ostentatiously leave as soon as S.S. men stepped in," declared M. Krier.

"My wife had to get permission in the little Burgandy town where she was caught by the invasion, to leave for Paris in order to get away from France.

"So she had frequently to talk at the local 'Kommandantur' with the army officers in charge of the travelling permits.

"That was in August.

They Saw Defeat

"The officers—mostly elderly men, reserve officers who had fought in the last war—were outspoken in their pessimism.

"They often said to my wife:—

"It will happen exactly like in the other war—one success after another, then we lose the whole war!'

"My wife arrived in Paris in the first days of September.

"She observed the same signs of antagonism between the army and the S.S.

"She even heard S.S. men grumbling about some of their own officers, boys of 22 or 23 who had secured promotion through 'recommendation by some Party boss.'

"The German army officers and men in Paris had enjoyed life for more than two months—with much money to spend on drinks and food.

The Marching Men

"One day the Parisians saw long military columns marching to the Gare du Nord.

"Everybody was struck by the complete change in these men overnight. They marched like automata, with 'faces of stone'—like men who realised that their merry life had been only a last respite before certain death.

"These were the troops bound for the North of France as the invasion army against Britain. They knew what it meant for them."

Advised C.O.s To Disobey Army Orders

While denying that the Peace Pledge Union was in any way concerned with helping men to avoid military service, Mr Richard L. Bishop, chairman of the Union in Wales, stated recently that it sometimes advised conscientious objectors to join up and then refuse to obey orders.

Mr Bishop was giving evidence, at a field general court martial, at Liverpool, in favour of a conscientious objector accused of disobeying an order.

The accused was Private Reginald Gordon Jenkins, of the non-combatant corps, attached to the Pioneer Corps, who pleaded guilty to refusing to lay out his kit for inspection when ordered to do so.

A number of other members of the non-combatant corps, all conscientious objectors, were charged with similar offences. Sentences were to be promulgated.

Nazis Now Modify Colonial Claims

The possibility that the Nazis are preparing the German public for a disappointment in connexion with their often repeated colonial claims emerges from an article in the *"Schwarze Korps"*, which declares that Nordic peoples are not capable of supporting the climate of Africa.

German must therefore at all costs rid themselves of the "African colonial mirage," the paper declares, adding that in any case the Reich's European territory amply fulfils her requirements regarding living space.

The *"Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten"* declares that the centre of gravity of military operations cannot be removed to the Mediterranean or to the East but that it remains concentrated around Great Britain.

GRETNA BRIDE SHOT DEAD

Husband Is Acquitted

A 24-YEAR-OLD soldier shot the girl he married at Gretna Green three years ago.

At Birmingham Assizes recently, the soldier, Ralph Gordon Barstow, of Pleasant-street, Preston, was on trial for murder.

Suddenly, on a gun expert's evidence, the case against him collapsed and he left the court a free man.

The shot was fired in a bedroom in Birmingham on November 14, said Mr Maurice Healy, K.C., for the prosecution.

For Bombers

Barstow told the police that, as he could see that bombers had been coming over every night, he loaded his rifle to have a shot if they "came over."

"I was unloading my rifle," he said, "when it went off."

Mr Healy said Barstow's wife had fallen in love with him when she was 16.

In the early part of 1937, banns were put up, but the project was called off when the parents found out. In September of that year they went through a form of marriage at Gretna Green.

When Barstow was called up last April his wife became familiar with men.

A gun expert demonstrated to Mr Justice Ogiver the angle at which the gun must have been held when the fatal shot was fired, and the angle at which it would be held to be unloaded.

K.C. "Disturbed"

Replying to Mr A. J. Long, defending, he said it was possible that the gun might be fired accidentally while being held in the unloading position.

Mr Healy then said he was very disturbed by the reply the gun expert had given to Mr Long's question.

Without leaving the box the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

"Portugal Intends To Remain Neutral"

Portugal intends to remain neutral and there is no possibility of her being "swayed" by Hitler, Senor Leopoldo Danilo Barelros, Macao correspondent of the Portuguese newspaper Diaro de Noticias, recently declared.

Senor Barelros spent last year in Lisbon as a representative of Macao at Portugal's annual celebration of her foundation and independence.

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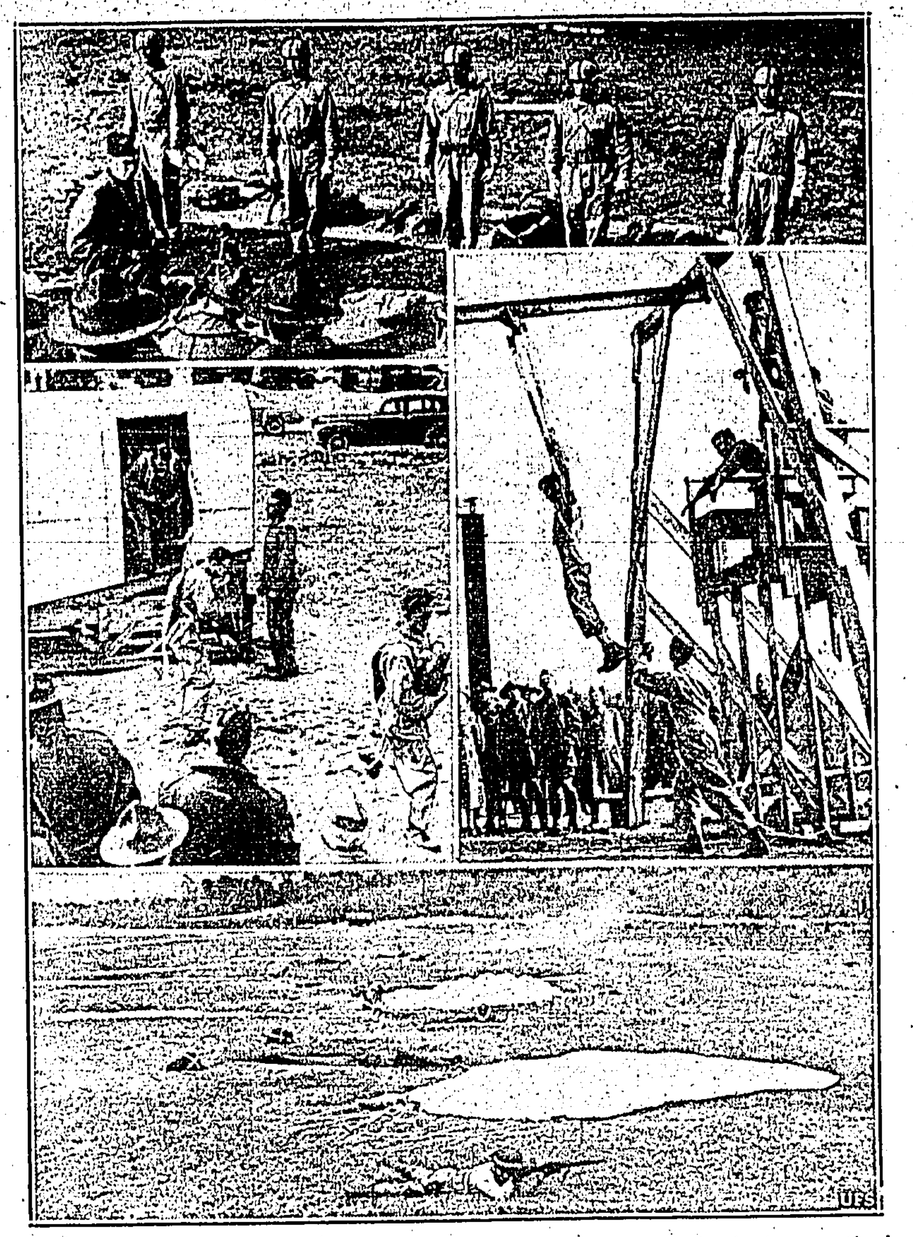
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JUMPING MEN—It's quite a trick to leap from a plane and land right side up, so men of the 501st Parachute Battalion are receiving training, at Fort Benning, Ga., in how to do it. Preliminary practice, simulating actual jumping, is on the ground. Later they go up in planes to leap. Top panel shows a quintet, wearing special helmets, ready to go aloft. Previously they practised jumping from a grounded plane cabin, centre left, and had leaped from a staging, centre right, to learn how to land. Bottom, advanced students go into action with automatic rifles after landing with their 'chutes. Students in advanced courses leap in groups.

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Oil Magnate Denies Backing For U.S. Appeasement Group

Nation-wide notoriety has been aroused by the activities of the American appeasement group called the "No Foreign War Committee," one of the founders of which is reported to be Colonel Charles E. Lindbergh, who has himself been severely criticised by a large majority of his countrymen for his pro-Nazi statements and his opposition towards American aid for Britain and the democracies.

The chairman of the Committee is Verne Marshall, a native of Lowa and editor of the "Cedar Rapids Gazette," and winner of a Pulitzer Prize for journalism. Marshall's name and that of his Committee has frequently been linked with William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, who was reported to have brought Nazi peace proposals to the United States.

Davis, however, in a public interview recently denied that he was the Committee's "angel," or, in other words, financial backer. Reporting the interview given to the press, the New York newspaper "PM" writes:—

William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, tossed Verne Marshall a sizzling hot potato to-day. This potato was nothing more nor less than Mr Marshall's own No Foreign War Committee.

For several days Mr Marshall had been shouting from the housetops that Mr Davis had offered to angel his Committee. Mr Davis in an interview declared that he was not the financial backer of the Committee and that he had no official connection with it whatsoever.

He said that he was "for all these organisations who hold the same ideas of world tranquillity as I do."

"But as for being a backer, that I am not," he said.

First Interview

Affable, but obviously nervous, Mr Davis met reporters in his office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. It was his first interview with the press since Mr Marshall, on Dec. 30, announced that Mr Davis had brought German peace terms to President Roosevelt in 1939.

Mr Marshall had referred to these terms as "agenda." Reporters pressed Mr Davis for an explanation of the terms, but all questions on this subject were neatly parried. They were not answered.

Mr Davis announced that he had written a letter to Senator Wheeler demanding that he be given an opportunity to appear before a Congressional committee and clear himself "of unfair and malicious charges."

He demanded a complete Congressional investigation into reports that he was working for a world peace "on Hitler's terms" and that he was attempting to help the Axis powers in getting oil from Mexico.

He ridiculed such reports as entirely unfounded. He said that he had kept the State Department informed of all his activities.

Denies Selling To Nazis

He admitted selling expropriated American oil to Germany, but said that he had not done so since the outbreak of the war.

Mr Davis gave the impression of a man not only willing but anxious to talk. But not, however, on all subjects.

He excused himself from answering questions about his reported association with Dr Joachim H. Hertzlett, German economic war expert.

"I'll be very glad," he said, "to tell that to Congress."

Hopes For Peace Talks

He said he hoped for a negotiated peace.

In a formal statement handed to reporters, Mr Davis said:

"I want the war to end—it is true. But I do not want the war to end 'on Hitler's terms' as has been so loosely flung at me. I want this war to end by negotiation—before the men, women and children of the world are debauched and demoralised; before the wealth and treasures of the world are destroyed, and before human rights and liberties are lost forever."

Mr Davis was emphatic in saying he was for peace. He said he favoured all peace organisations, "good, bad and indifferent," if they had the same basic ideal—tranquillity.

He passionately avowed his loyalty to the United States, and charged "financial and competitive interests" (which he did not identify) with conducting an organised campaign to misrepresent his position in his previous dealings with Nazi Germany.

As for Verne Marshall and his No Foreign War Committee, Mr Davis is clear. Mr Marshall has his sympathy, but not his money.

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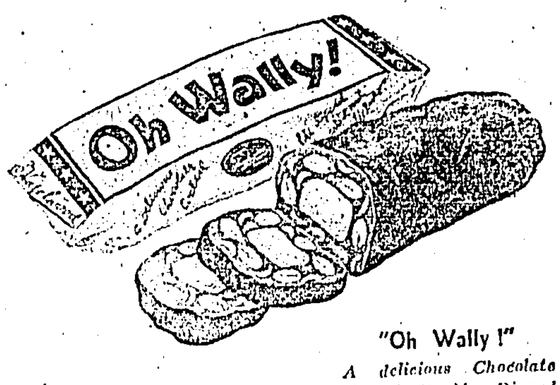
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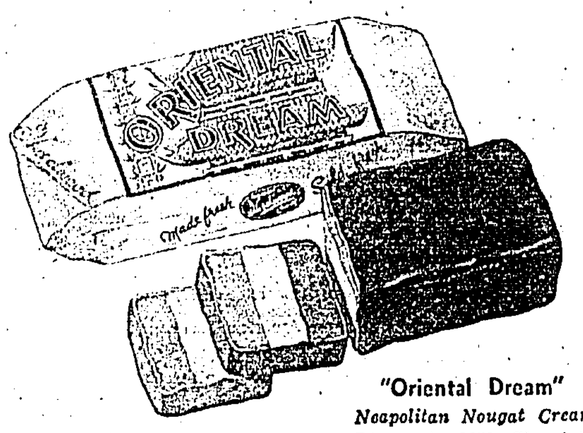
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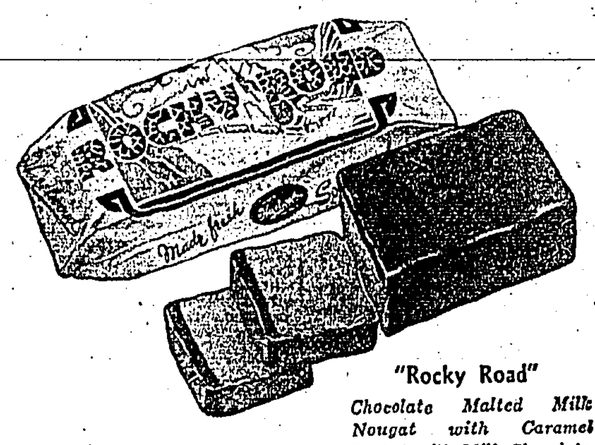
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American Gift To British Navy

MR. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, has received from Colonel Frank Knox, United States Secretary of the Navy, two pictures of Abraham Lincoln.

One of them will hang in the ward room of H.M.S. Lincoln, a destroyer recently transferred to the Royal Navy from the United States Navy, and the other will hang in the First Lord's room in the Admiralty.

If Nazis Take To Gas

A pump filter has been specially designed by a London firm for purifying tainted water in the event of the Nazis using poison gas in future air raids.

It is a simple instrument, not much heavier than a garden syringe, yet the cylinder of activated charcoal through which the contaminated water is pumped assures an adequate and safe supply of clean water to people in air raid shelters.

Princesses' London Home Bombed

The London home of Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise, in Pall Mall, W., was damaged by incendiary bombs in recent air attacks. Neither of the princesses was in residence.

Princess Helena Victoria was seventy last May, and Princess Marie Louise sixty-eight in August. They are granddaughters of Queen Victoria.

£5,000,000 Girl's £1 A Week

Gloria Vanderbilt, America's "poor little rich girl," heiress to approximately £5,000,000, will be allowed no more than £50 during this year from her fortune for her personal use.

A court order to this effect was signed recently by Surrogate James Foley, says a New York report.

The order provides, however, that her general guardian, Mr Thomas Gilchrist, shall be allowed approximately £6,000 a year for the next three years for Gloria's maintenance, support, and education.

Hundred Thousand French Killed

At least 100,000 French soldiers were killed before the French capitulation.

This statement was made by a dependable source in Vichy, says Associated Press.

The estimate is considerably higher than previous figures.

Lipstick Argument For War Bonus

"Lipstick and clothes have gone up a lot, and it costs our female staff far more to dress themselves properly in wartime."

Lt.-Col. Dr Summerhayes told this to the East Sussex Insurance Committee at Lewes recently.

To meet the extra cost of living the committee decided to grant a war bonus, which will apply chiefly to the female staff.

Millions From Salvage

Salvage sales from local authority collections for the first full year now include 215,700 tons of paper, 220,000 tons of metals, 5,000 tons of bones, and more than 40,000 tons of kitchen waste, the Ministry of Supply announced recently.

The salvage campaign is estimated to be saving for Britain about £15,000,000 a year.

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UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Alf Ahlberg in the "Dagens Nyheter" examines Britain's plans for Europe after the war under the heading, "Europe's United States."

He declares that Britain is also fighting for a new order in Europe, and that although nothing is yet definitely stated, it is clear that the English desire to see Europe united as a federation of states under a supernational organisation. The historical pattern for this is the U.S.A.

After the last war, European states tried to form a union but without sacrificing the smallest part of their sovereignty. Furthermore the League of Nations had no armed forces of its own. The League was a group of loosely linked states and this system can no longer work because a sovereign state in the modern world is fiction.

Chaos Or Control

Everything is interdependent and the only choice now is between chaos or an organised union under a supernational control.

Those are the broad outlines of the Anglo-Saxon aims although details are still subject to discussion between H. G. Wells, Streit, Nicolson, etc.

Apology To Belgrade

Accidental Bombing

BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The British Government has expressed regret for the incident which occurred on the night of December 21 when bombs fell on the Yugo-Slav frontier town of Souchak, says an official statement issued here to-day.

The British Government expressed their "deep regret to the Yugo-Slav Government for this involuntary incident, stating that they were ready to pay just compensation for damage to persons and property."

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATED

Solemn Mass was said at St Joseph's Church, Garden Road, at 8 o'clock this morning in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee in the priesthood of the Rev. Fr. A. Riganti, Rector of St Joseph's Church since 1929. There was a large gathering present.

Fr. Riganti was ordained in Italy on March 18, 1916 and received his first Mass on March 19, the day on which Roman Catholics all over the world observe the Feast of St Joseph. He came to Hongkong in 1920 and was chaplain of St Joseph's Church for seven years before becoming Rector.

"Te Deum" and the Holy Hour will be held at the Catholic Cathedral at 6 o'clock this evening when the choir of St Joseph's Church will join the Cathedral choir in rendering appropriate music including compositions by Fr. Riganti, whose "Miserere" has been played regularly at the Cathedral during Holy Week for the last 20 years.

YUGO-SLAVIA ON MORE RATIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (UP).—Starting probably to-morrow, Yugo-Slavia will have three meatless days per week instead of the present two.

This is due to the heavy shipments of meat to Germany and Italy, especially the latter and also because of German requirements.

It is understood that Yugo-Slavia will be able to ship to Germany and Italy only 10,000 cattle out of the 20,000 they are obliged to ship during the next three months.

U-BOAT REPORT CONFIRMED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Under Secretary of State, Mr Sumner Welles, to-day confirmed the report that Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, yesterday brought to the State Department reports that German submarines are now headed for the northern coast of the United States. The Ambassador acted upon behalf of British naval authorities.

AID BRITAIN

FROM PAGE ONE

made during to-day's debate on the seven billion dollar appropriation.

A Representative referred to the purchase of $50,000,000 of tobacco. Money for this purpose would come from an allocation of $1,350,000,000 earmarked for agricultural and other commodities.

It is understood that lists of further items exist but President Roosevelt does not wish to make them public.

The information given above was revealed accidentally; it was not suppressed, but it will be struck off the House of Representatives' records.

Annual Meeting Postponed

The annual meeting of the Union Church, Hongkong, which was announced to be held this afternoon, has been postponed, and will be held on Monday next, March 24, at 5.30 p.m.

CHOLERA PREVENTION



The coolies employed by Marsman (Hongkong China) Ltd. in excavation work on A.R.P. tunnels are being given quick attention in view of the cholera outbreak. Over 2,000 coolies have been inoculated. Scene above shows Dr E. W. Kirk giving an inoculation. (Photo: *Ming Yuen*).

Filmland Is Anglophile

A STIRRING plea for union of the British Empire with the U.S.A. comes from Sam Eckman, the shrewed and energetic Metro-Goldwyn chief, who has run its London end since 1928.

In the New Year issue of the "Kinematograph Weekly" he fervently supports the complete pooling of the resources of the English-speaking people against a common foe, towards a real Anglo-American fusion.

"When I was a boy, American school-books still emphasised the wickedness of King George III and his ministers. The Englishman depicted on the stage and early films was either a villain or a silly ass with a monocle. On the English side has been a tendency to regard all we offer with suspicion.

Films' Help

"Films can help make and cement this Anglo-American unity which is so essential."

After quoting numerous fine Hollywood boosts of British ideals, as well as of the real America, he concludes:

"Let us go on making them. I don't care whether they are made by British or American companies, so long as they are good enough for the English-Speaking world, showing men and women of all creeds and colours that they are all united by the common heritage of freedom which rules wherever a Union Jack or a Stars and Stripes may be flown."

Gandhi's Secretary

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Gandhi's secretary, who was recently released from gaol, is reported to have been arrested to-day under the Defence of India rules.

Indian Trade Officers

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Raj spokesman announced that Indian Trade Commissioners will shortly be appointed to Canada and South America.

Sir F. E. James suggested in the Assembly that the appointment of representatives to Burma and Malaya would not be overlooked.

Four-Hundred Wives Are British Again

Eight hundred British-born wives of Germans resident in Britain have applied in the past year to have their British nationality restored.

Naturalisation has already been granted to half of them, announced Mr Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary in the House of Commons recently.

FISH FOR RAID VICTIMS

A present of 25,000lb. of fish for London victims of Nazi bombing has been made by the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

LATE NEWS

EXECUTIVE YUAN MEETS

—Decisions

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Yuan, reports on military affairs and foreign relations were made by the War Minister, General Ho Ying-chin, and the Foreign Minister, Dr Wang Chung-hui.

The meeting approved the provisional measures relating to the collection of land tax in agricultural products. A proposal for the readjustment of the health administration of Sikong Province was adopted.

The meeting decided upon the appointment of Mr Peng Jo-kang as a member of the Henan Provincial Government and concurrently Commissioner of Finance in succession to Mr Tsao Chung-chih, who was appointed Assistant Director of the National Food Control Bureau. Mr Ho Pei-heng, the incumbent Assistant Director of the Bureau, was transferred to another post.

U. S. Squadron On Visit To Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Mr A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, announced to-night that a United States naval squadron of seven warships, now on a training cruise, is arriving at Sydney on Thursday.

"This visit," he said, "will give us a splendid opportunity to show how open-heartedly we can receive and entertain the representatives of a nation which, through its leader, has so clearly declared to the world that it is our friend in this war."

Parliament is adjourning until next Tuesday to enable the Ministers and Members to attend the official functions being arranged in celebration of the visit.

The squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Newton, will comprise the cruisers Chicago (flag ship) and Portland, the flotilla leader Clark and the destrovers, Cassin, Conyngham, Fownes and Reid.

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Sentence Passed On Jacobs

Pte Frank Kenneth Jacobs, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was found guilty about a fortnight ago on charges of rape and indecent assault, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Jacobs, it will be recalled, was convicted of having raped and indecently assaulted Man Shiu-ying, an 18-year-old waitress, employed at the Nathan Hotel, in King's Park on January 10. The Jury returned a 6-1 verdict of guilty but recommended that he be dealt with leniently.

His Lordship told Jacobs yesterday that he had given the case careful consideration and was relieved to find that his conviction would not necessitate him leaving the Army, in which he had earned a good reputation. "I am bearing in mind carefully," his Lordship added, "the rider the Jury attached to their verdict; but even taking that into consideration I cannot pass on you a lighter sentence than eight months, to date from the February Sessions."

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HEAVY NAZI PRESSURE ON YUGO-SLAVIA: PACT LIKELY TO BE SIGNED

ATHENS, MAR. 18 (UP).—PRESS CIRCLES HERE BELIEVE THAT GERMANY HAS DEMANDED FROM YUGO-SLAVIA, FIRSTLY, THE FREE PASSAGE OF MERCHANDISE TO RUMANIA; SECONDLY, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSPITALS IN YUGO-SLAVIA; AND, THIRDLY, THE FREE PASSAGE OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS ACROSS YUGO-SLAVIA.

They are of the opinion that it is improbable that Yugo-Slavia will accept these terms, adding that they assume the demands also include the passage of munitions to Bulgaria so that Rumanian railways can be used exclusively for troop movements. In the meantime, Yugo-Slavia continues her mobilisation and has mined the Danube.

The morning newspaper "Proias" of Belgrade says that informed quarters believe that it will be extremely difficult for Yugo-Slavia to retain her integrity and keep out of the war, and adds that the conversations are proceeding in this spirit with the view that a declaration or pact will soon be signed with Germany.

Pact In Few Days

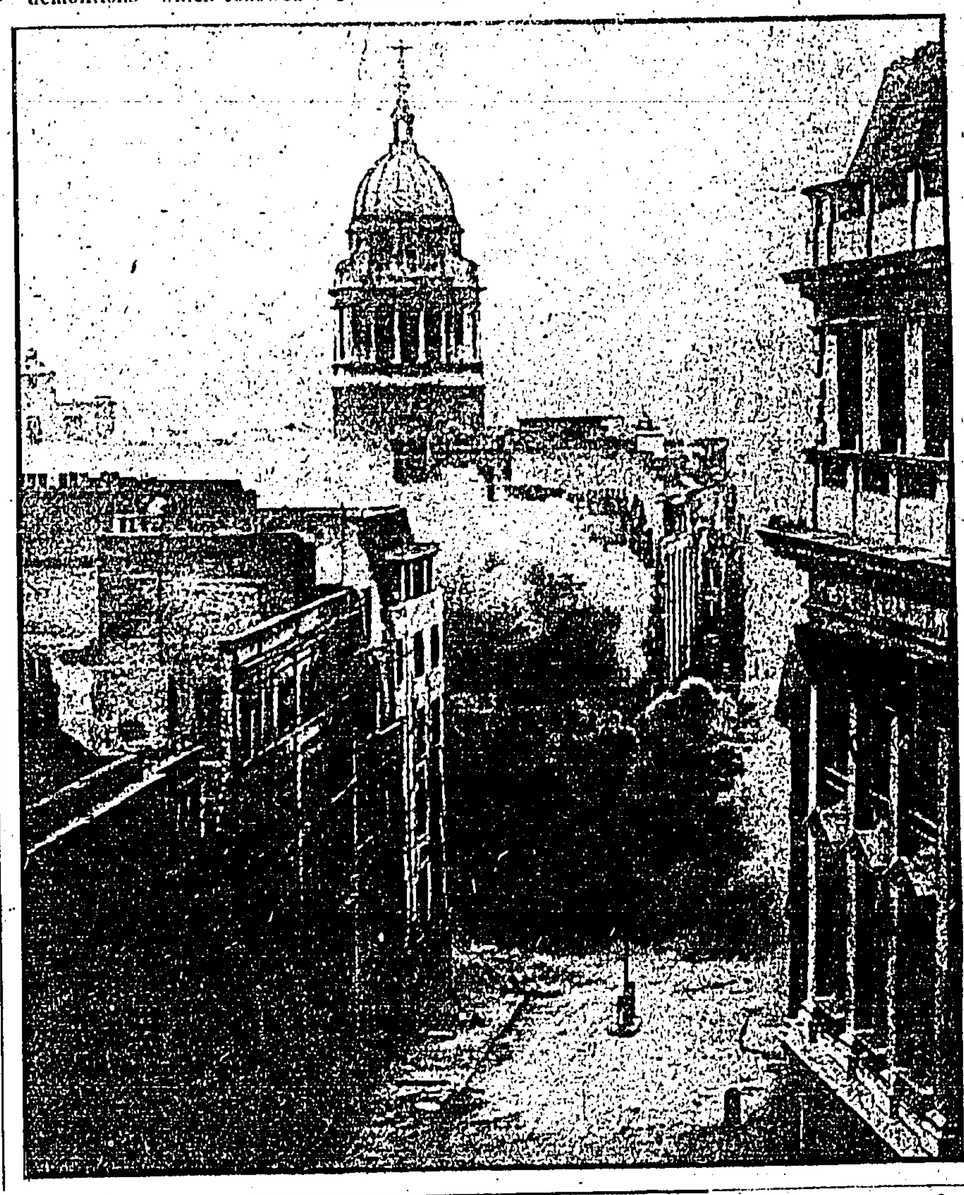
BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (UP).—While official quarters continue to be very reserved, believed to be at German request regarding the progress of the negotiations with Germany, usually well informed circles at noon to-day re-stated that the signing of the pact is but a matter of a few days. They said that negotiations have again veered in the direction of a tri-Power pact with reservations in favour of Yugo-Slavia.

It is believed that these reservations are concerned with keeping Yugo-Slavia out of the war by excluding from the pact any concessions to Germany such as the passage of troops across Yugo-Slav territory, which other minor adherents to the pact had been accepted.

According to the same sources, Germany desires to keep these reservations secret while Yugo-Slavia wants to make them public.

Dynamite Squads Work On London Wreckage

A Home Guard cordon, with bayonets, kept Londoners hundreds of yards away when the explosion pictured here shook the heart of the City. It was the first of the "safety demolitions" which followed the devastation of the fireblitz.



Turks Cause Nazis To Hesitate

MADRID, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The German Foreign Office spokesman is now refusing to answer questions about Germany's intentions towards Greece, writes the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Ya."

A big press and radio campaign against Greece is going on which is regarded in Berlin as a sign that the Greek situation is now in the hands of the military.

Current reports in the German capital say that 300,000 British troops are in Greece.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Diplomatic action is proceeding with the object of reaching a complete understanding between Germany and Turkey, says the "Allehanda" correspondent in Berlin.

He adds that it is generally believed that Germany is hesitating to take action against Greece pending greater certainty as to Turkey's attitude.

Authoritative circles in Berlin, he states, refuse to express an opinion as to whether President Inonu's reply to Hitler is considered satisfactory or otherwise.

Bombing of Chungking Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE, March 19 (Domei).—Several formations of Japanese Naval aircraft flying far into the interior of China on Tuesday afternoon carried out a successful raid on Chungking, inflicting heavy damage, according to the Press Section of the Japanese Central China Sea Fleet.

Some formations concentrated their attacks on the Chinese military establishments in the city proper, scoring direct hits, while other units raided the munitions plants in the outskirts of the city, causing fires.

All planes which participated in the raid, returned to their bases safely.

"SARAH SIMPLE"

The Play That Must Not Be Missed

The Hongkong A.D.C. has an imposing string of successes to its credit, but "Sarah Simple," the Club's latest production, is a triumph.

Last night's dress rehearsal of this scintillating comedy makes front news to-day.

The play in itself is clever and vastly amusing, but in the hands of Claude Burgess, Sheila Mackinlay, Day Sage and their colleagues, it becomes an outstanding entertainment. The players are practically faultless and there is not a dull moment.

The opening scenes are as breezy and compelling as the climax—the true test of both authorship and performance. Claude Burgess and Sheila Mackinlay go very close to dominating all the scenes, and both are in their most effective form. Laughter ripples right through the play; and it is to the credit of the cast and conscientious Producer Cyril Brown that not a single line or situation capable of causing merriment is allowed to pass by without acknowledgment.

The Performers

Day Sage made her first appearance on the Hongkong stage in "Someone at the Door," produced recently at the K.C.C. That performance gave promise of much better things to come and in "Sarah Simple" she proves her abilities to the full. Hers is a well rounded, intelligent study.

Sheila Mackinlay has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as the Colony's leading light comedy player among the ladies. Her work in "Sarah Simple" merely adds the official seal to this reputation.

Claude Burgess gives a handsome performance, showing cunning appreciation of the subtleties of his part. He has some great lines; he speaks them grandly.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are well cast and succeed in making the best of intricate little roles, while William Kirby has some splendid moments in the third act and gives a delicious cameo, which, for a brief moment, overshadows everything else in the play.

The settings are ideal and characteristic of able Mr W. A. Cornell, who has never yet turned out a piece of poor scenery for the Hongkong stage. Charles Gilmor is the efficient stage manager, W. A. Mackinlay, the hardworking secretary and Cyril Brown, the wholly successful producer.

There are some seats available for to-night's opening performance, which should not be, for "Sarah Simple" is a play which must not be missed.—S.A.G.

S'hai Transport Men Strike

In French Concession

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—All tram and bus services in the French Concession came to a standstill owing to a sudden strike of drivers and conductors this morning shortly after presenting a series of demands for more pay and rice allowance.

Dissatisfied with the Company's reply that the demands would be considered, the men deserted their vehicles while on the road with the result that the Concessions' streets are now blocked for miles by rows of stationary empty trams and buses.

RESCUED CREW

Praise Free Frenchmen

LONDON, Mar 18 (Reuter).—A Free French destroyer operating in British waters recently rescued the crew of a British merchant steamer torpedoed by a German submarine.

A communique issued to-night by Free French Headquarters in London states that the captain and crew of the British ship praised their French comrades and stressed that they displayed magnificent courage during the rescue operations and offered the most generous hospitality aboard the French warship.

Mr Cordell Hull Warns That U.S. Is In Serious Danger

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP).—The House to-day started the debate on the seven billion dollar aid to Britain bill after the House Appropriations Committee had approved it with the declaration that "no halfway measures can be countenanced at this critical stage of world events."

The House was told that while this was the largest single appropriation in peacetime history, it must be accepted.

Simultaneously, the Committee published the testimony given by the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson and the Chief of the Army, General George Marshall before the secret hearings of the Committee, all urging quick action.

Mr Hull asserted: "It is our immediate business to see to it that would-be conquerors of the world shall not be in a position in which they can command the seas, and attack any country in this Hemisphere. I must, in all conscience, say to the American people, that in my judgment this Hemisphere and this nation is in serious danger, and every pos-

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ITALIANS FED UP WITH DUCE

Bad Conduct Of War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Mar. 18 (UP).—**Italian prisoners arriving in Athens from the central sector of the Albanian war front, asserted that great dissatisfaction prevails in Italy regarding the conduct of the war by Mussolini and Ciano.**

The prisoners declared that Marshal Badoglio was very popular when he was seen "somewhere on the Albanian front" during recent operations, although he had not participated in the direction of the offensive which was believed to be entirely in the hands of General Cavallero and Mussolini himself.

Meanwhile, after a lull in the Italian offensive, it is reported that fighting broke out on the Albanian front to-day. The spokesman said that Greek patrols at various points had achieved their objectives and taken some prisoners.

A later report asserted that the Italian Seventh Army in the central sector was reorganising and was rushing the completion of new defence lines, building of machine-gun nests and the digging of new trenches.

Raids On Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—German raiders flew over a number of scattered areas throughout Britain, but only three minor bombings were reported up to early morning. Bombs fell on two districts of the London area, and on south and northeast coast towns.

LATEST

Cholera Cases

Three hundred and twenty-three people in the Colony are now under treatment for cholera, there having been an addition to the figures of 78 in the last 24 hours. This is not so alarming as it sounds because only 11 of these were actually new cases, the remainder having been undergoing bacteriological investigation to confirm the disease. The figure of 78 is therefore spread over several days.

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MUSSOLINI WARNED

If Athens Is Bombed, Rome Will Be Also

LONDON, Mar. 18 (UP).—**Reliable sources to-day confirmed the report that Britain had warned Mussolini, through a neutral nation, that if the Italians bomb Athens, the British will bomb Rome.**

Vatican Denial

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 18 (UP).—High Vatican quarters to-day categorically denied that the British had warned Italy through the Vatican that Rome would be bombed if Athens is bombed. They pointed out that the Vatican, in view of its spiritual mission, could not relay messages of warning or war reprisals from one nation to another.

Novel Shanghai Competition

China Squadron Emblem

SHANGHAI, Mar 19 (Reuter).—The competition for the China Squadron emblem conducted by the British Voluntary War Contribution Fund was won by N. E. Kent.

The winner adopted a form of emblem which seems to be commonly used by the Air Ministry—a device within a garter surmounted by the Imperial Crown and supported by a scroll bearing the motto "Rise From the East."

About 100 entries were received.

Planes Collide: Six Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar 18 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that two bombers from the cruiser Yorktown collided in mid-air at sea on March 17 and that all six of the personnel were killed.

They refused to reveal the scene of the crash. However, it is known that the Yorktown has been operating out of Pearl Harbour for several months so the accident undoubtedly happened in the Hawaiian area.

BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (UP).—Usually well informed quarters state that the British troops in Greece approximately total four divisions or 100,000 men. They said they had no information regarding reports that British troops had arrived in the region of Salonika.

AID BRITAIN

Big Appropriation Goes To Congress

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The United States House of Representatives to-day began debate on the $7,000,000,000 Aid to Britain appropriation.

It was confronted with a tersely worded warning from the Appropriations Committee that this huge figure must be quickly approved or the reputation of the United States among nations would suffer.

The note coincides with Mr Churchill's reference in London to submarines and to the operation of Nazi battle cruisers on the United States side of the Atlantic.

One Change

The note requested the House to approve the Bill with one change: that any article procured under the Bill shall be retained by the United States Government at the President's discretion instead of being sent to a foreign government if that is considered necessary for United States defence.

Accidental Revelation

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The accidental revelation of two items in the proposed United States expenditures for aid to Britain, was

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R.A.F. Sets Continental Areas Alight with Bombs

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions and fires were observed in the dock and industrial areas of Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, which were bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command last night.

The Air Ministry also states that a large fire was started in the petrol storage tanks at Rotterdam while single aircraft attacked Emden and Oldenburg.

One enemy night fighter was shot down in flames during these operations.

Off the Frisian Islands, an aircraft of the Coastal Command torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel.

None of the British aircraft is missing from all these operations.

Enemy Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—A Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel on Monday night off the Frisian Islands, it is officially announced.

Lend, Lease Bill Cuts Out Blitz Decision

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Having signed the Lease and Lend Bill, President Roosevelt has hastened to take action under his new powers.

American measures show that there can be no more talk of a blitzkrieg. The Axis Powers have for a long time belittled American help but recently the "Messagero" has frankly admitted the importance of American help.

The German press has not so openly expressed an opinion so far, but it is admitted in Berlin that American help may lengthen the war—clearly they expect it to reach England, otherwise the war would not be lengthened.

American naval circles are now discussing giving Britain greater naval help.

The Axis Powers have a new enemy with vast economic and industrial resources.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy
British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays
British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K Banks $	1,340 sa.
H.K. Banks £	75 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	77 n.
Chartered £	8⅝ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ x.d.	21½ n.
Mercantile C. £ x.d.	10½ n.
East Asia $	70 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	215 n.
Union $	425 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	170 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	135 n.
Steamboats $	9 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	80 b.
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	41/10½ n.
Waterboats $	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	93½ b.
Docks (old) $	16½ sa.
Docks (new) $	16 n.
Providents $ x.d.	5.15/20 sa.
S'hai Dockyards $	28½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/- n.
Raubs $ x.d.	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¾ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	3.10 b.
Lands $ x.d.	31¾ b.
Lands 4% Debentures	97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	12.40 n.
Humphreys $	6.70 b.
H.K. Realties $	3.10 b.
Chinese Estates $ x.d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $ x.d.	16¾ sa.
Peaks Trams (old) $	7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3½ n.
Star Ferries $	54½ n.
Y. Ferries $	24¼ n.
China Lights (old)	6.20 b.
China Lights (new)	1.97½ n.
H.K. Electrics (old) $	41 b.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	40.90 b.
Macao Electrics (old) $	17.80 b.
Macao Electrics (new) $	16.80 b.
Sandakan Lights $	12 n.
Telephones (old) $	24½ sa.
Telephones (new) $	9 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	17.20 b.
H.K. Ropes $	8.15 sa.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	18 n.
Watsons $	11 sa.
Lane Crawfords $	7½ n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1.90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh $	45 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	105 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1934)	94½ sa.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments $	7 n.
Constructions (old) $	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

Four Hundred Wives Are British Again

Eight hundred British-born wives of Germans resident in Britain have applied in the past year to have their British nationality restored.

Naturalisation has already been granted to half of them, announced Mr Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary in the House of Commons recently.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

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To obtain funds to purchase Motor Ambulances and Mobile Canteens for China and Britain.

"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE

In connection with the National Day of Prayer, a Service will be held at the "Ohel Leah" Synagogue on Sunday, 23rd March, 1941, at 11 a.m.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.
The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd. Floor.
The Inspector, 12 Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

HONG KONG WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

MONSTER RAFFLE, 1941

RULES

1. The sale of tickets in the raffle will cease on Wednesday, April 9, 1941.
2. Counterfoils of every ticket sold must be in the custody of the supervisors before the draw. Any ticket sold for which no corresponding counterfoil has been returned to the supervisors will not be included in the draw.
3. A ticket is entitled to one prize only. Any number, having drawn a prize, will be deemed cancelled for the remainder of the draw.
4. Prizes will be delivered to the person who produces the requisite winning ticket. No right to a prize can be recognised except the right conferred by the production of the requisite ticket.
5. Winning tickets must be produced and endorsed by the holder before delivery of prize can be made. Mutilated tickets—that is, if distinctive number and chop are not clearly discernible—will not be accepted.
6. Winning tickets not presented within Three Months of the draw will be considered null and void, and all unclaimed prizes will revert to the donors and/or the Hong Kong War Effort Committee after the above period of Three Months has elapsed.
7. Any misunderstanding or dispute must be referred to the Hong Kong War Effort Committee, whose decision shall be final.

By Order of the Committee,
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Supervisors.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to "capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 "Hongkong currency, part of the "undivided profits of the Com-"pany standing to the credit of "the Company's Reserve Fund, "and to allot to the members "holding shares of the Company "as on the first day of April "One thousand nine hundred "and forty-one in respect of the "net amount capitalised fully "paid shares of the Company "of equivalent nominal value in "the proportion of one share for "every three shares of the Com-"pany held by them respectively "and that such shares so allotted "shall rank for dividends as "from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribu-"tion as aforesaid any person "would be entitled to a frac-"tional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing fractional "certificates, cause the whole "share to be allotted to a person "or persons to be named by the "Directors and such share shall, "at such time as the Directors "think fit, be sold and the pro-"ceeds distributed amongst the "persons entitled to the frac-"tions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE

In connection with the National Day of Prayer, a Service will be held at the "Ohel Leah" Synagogue on Sunday, March 23, at 11 a.m.

Observer's Account Of Night Assault On City Of Berbera

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—An epic story of the recapture of Berbera, the capital of British Somaliland, is told in a cable received from Aden to-day.

At one point, the success of the whole operation depended on four men in a boat stealing silently towards the Somaliland coast.

The outstanding impression left by the operation is the "unchangeable loyalty of the Somalis, whose territory had been usurped by the Italians."

About, midnight on March 15-16, the liberating fleet, consisting of troopships convoyed by warships, stole silently towards the coast. Clouds scudded across the sky and occasionally allowed the moon to illuminate the flat shore with the mountains beyond.

Previous aerial photographic operations gave the commanders of the expedition full knowledge of the terrain and the assault was planned to force the Italians to divide their already depleted and demoralised forces.

Two landings were planned. The western landing was entrusted to picked Indian troops with supporting engineers and artillery, while the eastern landing was to be carried out by Arabs and Somalis specially recruited at Aden under British officers.

Faith of Somalis

The implicit faith of the Somalis in British ability to restore to them land impressed everyone at Aden.

Four men in a boat had the task of landing without disturbing the enemy and marking out the landing beach.

After an apparently interminable period of waiting, the signal flashed news of the successful accomplishment of this task. Suddenly at zero hour, like a flash of thunder naval gunfire shattered the quiet night. Naval shells ripped through the air, exploding inland.

It was later learned that although a large number of Italians had left the town under cover of darkness shortly before the British approach, those who remained were sufficiently numerous to require force to crush them.

Away on the right, the western landing force went into action and a way had been paved for the eastern force of Somalis and Arabs to land and advance towards the town two miles away.

Artillery Outclassed

Italian machine-guns and field guns, attempting to stem the assault, were outclassed by the accuracy of the British naval fire which was more praiseworthy in view of the murky and cloudy nature of the night.

The Somalis and Arabs continued to advance and news came of the complete success of the major attack in the west.

By 9.20 a.m. all was over; Berbera was again in British hands. Over 100 prisoners were taken while the British casualties were negligible.

Even during the bombardment, the inhabitants of Berbera came running to meet the British forces, waving Union Jacks and Somali flags which had been hidden from the Italians.

The Italians had blown up the pass on the road to Sheik but the Somalis were already busy repairing it to aid the British pursuit.

Miserable Prisoners

Within a few hours of reoccupation, transports and stores were being landed and the British officers examined the forlorn and miserably-equipped Italian prisoners.

The major commanding them burst into tears when handing over his revolver. "I am an old soldier," he said, epitomising the general feeling regarding the degradation to which Mussolini's African gamble has led a once free and cultured people.

Brilliant Co-Operation

CAIRO, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The recapture of Berbera has provided a supreme example of co-operation between the three services.

The R.A.F. first bombed and photographed the enemy positions. The fleet bombarded the town and finally two forces landed at dawn, meeting with only slight opposition.

The whole operation was brilliantly executed and took only five hours to carry out.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

The tone of the market is better though so far prices have not shown any appreciable advance.

Buyers

Unions Ins. $425
Wharves $93.25
Docks "O" $16.25
Providents $5.15
Hotels $3.10
Lands $31.75
Humphreys $6.70
Realties $3.05
Lights "O" $6.20
Electrics "O" $41
Electrics "N" $40.90
Macao Electrics "O" $17.60
Macao Electrics "N" $16.50
Telephones "O" $24
Cements $17.10
Watsons $10.80

Sellers

Realties $3.25
Trams $16.75
Telephones "O" 24.50

Sales

H.K. Banks $1 340
Docks "O" $16.50
Docks "N" $15.90
Providents $5.15/20
Telephones "O" $24/24.25
Ropes $6.15
Watsons $11

FISH FOR RAID VICTIMS

A present of 25,000lb. of fish for London victims of Nazi bombing has been made by the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

CHOLERA PREVENTION



The coolies employed by Marsman (Hongkong China) Ltd. in excavation work on A.R.P. tunnels are being given quick attention in view of the cholera outbreak. Over 2,000 coolies have been inoculated. Scene above shows Dr E. W. Kirk giving an inoculation. (Photo: *Ming Yuen*).

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/27⅜
Demand London	1/27⅜
T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	102½
T.T. India	82½
T.T. U.S.A.	24⅛
T.T. Manila	48¼
T.T. Batavia	45¼
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	104½
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	102½
T.T. Australia	1/6½
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03½

Army Rugby League

Sgt Blackman Breaks Leg In Heavy Tackle

UNFORTUNATE accident to Sergeant Blackman (R. Engineers) who broke his leg following a heavy tackle, marred the Large Units Rugby League match against the Combined Small Units at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Engineers, however, won by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil, and have thus consolidated their position in the League table.

Tries were scored by Martin (2), Rees and Birrell—the latter converting his own with a magnificent kick from the touch-line.

Artillery Beaten

The Royal Artillery were surprised when Middlesex left the field winners by 13 points (two goals and a try) to 3 (penalty goal), after leading 5-0 at half-time.

Freshwater played an excellent game for the winners, and scored two tries, while Berry, besides converting two, scored another. Keeble registered the Gunners' only points when he converted a penalty goal for a scrum infringement.

Indian Trade Officers

NEW-DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Raj spokesman announced that Indian Trade Commissioners will shortly be appointed to Canada and South America.

Sir F. E. James suggested in the Assembly that the appointment of representatives to Burma and Malaya would not be overlooked.

Inter-School Sports

Excellent Competition Anticipated

La Salle Places Well In Yesterday's Heats

PLACED in all events but the shot put during the heats for the Inter-School Sports at Caroline Hill yesterday, La Salle College issue a strong challenge for honours in the finals which will be held on the same track on Friday.

St Stephen's College, on the heats results, should gather many points in the field events, in which case they, too, will be in the running for the Championship.

Outstanding performances yesterday were the times of A. P. Silva (La Salle)—in the 100 metres—11.4 secs—and Sin Kwok-bun (King's College) in the 400 metres—57 secs.

Qualifiers were:

100 metres.—Sin Kwok-bun (King's College), Chow Hon-shu (King's), Lai Chung-yiu (Wah Yan), Lam Kwok-leong (Wah Yan), Fong Hiu-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tao (Queen's), and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

Long Jump.—Wong Ki-lim (King's), Chan King-cheung (St Stephen's), Fung Shing-mo (St Stephen's) and Cheng Kim-kwong (La Salle).

800 metres.—N. Castro (La Salle), J. Xavier (La Salle), Cheung Kai-pui (Wah Yan), Lee Kai-luen (Wah Yan), K. Mohammed (Queen's) and J. Macauley (D.B.S.).

Pole Vault.—Marcus Ng (La Salle), L. Remedios (La Salle), Hau Tam-yuan (St Stephen's), Chan King-cheung (St Stephen's) and Kwan Wah-sang (St Paul's).

200 metres.—A. P. Silva (La Salle), A. Mackechnie (La Salle), Fong Hiu-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tao (Queen's), Law Chi-to (King's), Wong Wing-keen (King's), and Chan Shiu-kei (Wah Yan).

Shot-Put.—Ma Wai-fun (St Stephen's), Mo Chang-ling (St Stephen's), Woo Shai-cheung (Wah Yan), and Tong Kwok-fun (St Paul's).

400 metres.—R. Remedios (La Salle), N. Castro (La Salle), S. Hall (D.B.S.), J. Macauley (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan) and Wan Shau-lak (St Paul's).

High Jump.—Marcus Ng (La Salle), A. Mackechnie (La Salle), Cheuk Ming-lee (Queen's), Leung Lai-yuen (St Stephen's), Lim Heng-hon (D.B.S.) and A. Fong (St Joseph's).

110 metres hurdles.—Lam Cho-kow (St Paul's), B. Penerou (La Salle), Wong Ki-lim (King's), Fung Shing-mo (St Stephen's) Wan Sau-lak (St Paul's) and Wan Ki-hing (Wah Yan).

1,250 metres medley relay.—La Salle "A", La Salle "B", King's College, Wah Yan College, Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's.

A. R. Distress Fund

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The £1,000 from the Central British War Fund in Shanghai among the contributions received to-day, makes the total of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund £2,286,000.

AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. H. K. PISSAREVSKY, THE OFFICE OF DODGE & SEYMOUR, LTD., WILL BE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON.

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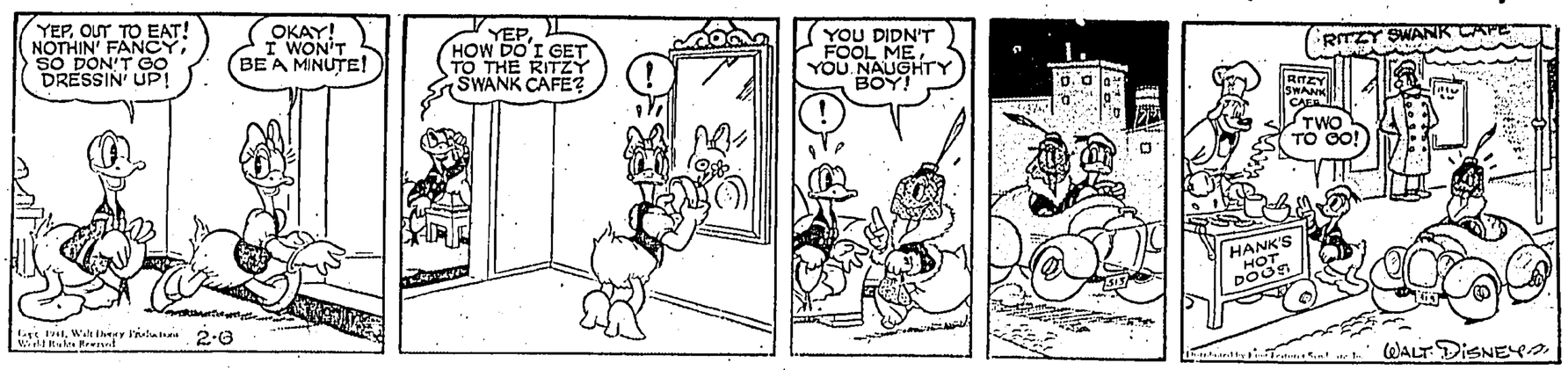
Tung Hwa XI Suspended In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—A further sequel to Saturday's football riot, at a meeting of the Shanghai Football Association it was decided to suspend the entire Tung Hwa XI until further notice. At the same time the Committee decided to cancel all their remaining fixtures.

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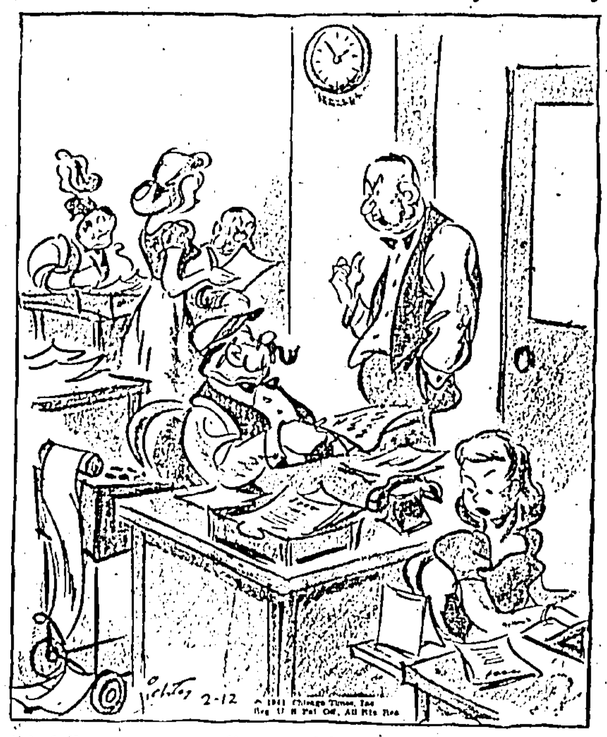
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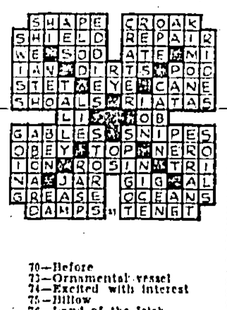
Crossword Puzzle

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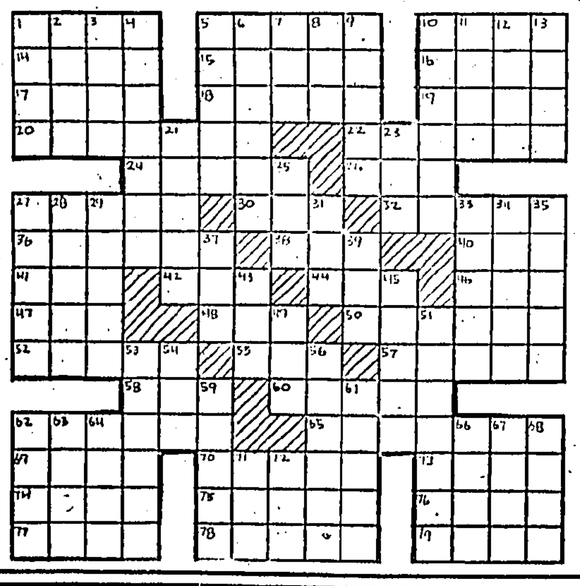
1—Charts
5—Plant-louse
10—Agricultural tract
14—In India, children's nurse
15—Coat with metal
16—Medley
17—Turkish coins
18—Textile fiber
19—Remove forcibly
20—Breach of faith
22—Withdraw from union
24—Payments for use of property
26—Rather than
27—Smooth with beak
30—Siamese measure, equals 41.44 yards
32—Allow to enter
36—Muzzle-loading device for gun
38—Reckoning
40—Single
41—Rounded mass
42—Bone attached to spine
44—Small cake
46—Firearm
47—Have power of sight
48—Take meal
50—Safe
52—Mistake
55—Female deer
57—Gentleman's gentleman
58—Cause to escape
60—Lay in surrounding matter
62—East-Indian herb
65—Not conforming to standards
69—Common metal
70—Before
72—Ornamental vessel
74—Excited with interest
75—Pillow
76—Land of the Irish
77—Minute article
78—Trapped in tree
79—Repose

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Artificially germinated grain
2—Prince of Afghanistan
3—Cut edge off
4—One who cuts with scissors
5—Covering for clothes
6—Fixes permanently
7—Dried grass
8—Japanese statesman (died 1909)
9—Of large mass per unit volume
10—Accomplished by violence
11—On sheltered side
12—Skin of whale
17—Pavilion
21—Spanish title of respect
22—Noteworthy period
23—Put in place
27—Tedious discourse
28—Not happening so often
29—Extinguished brand
31—Seize suddenly
33—One of yellow race
34—Accustom
35—Principle
37—Pass from life
39—Passenger vehicle
43—Wicked
45—At no time
49—Pedal digit
51—Corpse
53—Reddish-yellow
54—Alcoholic liquor
56—Come into view
59—Quadruped
61—Beget young
62—Oriental country
63—Hence
64—Dirt from smoke
66—Vetch
67—Egyptian goddess
68—One hundredth dollar
71—Animal hair
72—Natural metal deposit



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HATE GROWS IN A TORTURED COUNTRY

A Picture of Rumania To-day

by

Donald J. Hall

(noted expert on Rumania and author of many books on that country)

The apparently suicidal road which Rumania has taken has two main causes, her geographical position between Germany and Russia, and the extraordinary ignorance of Rumanian public opinion. Long before the Germans took physical control, their pressure by threats had produced such a censorship that the country had very little idea not only of what was going on in the outside world but of what even its own leaders were doing. The Rumanian broadcasts from London were, and still are, about the only source of authentic news.

The appalling political massacre which has taken place recently shows the influence which Nazi methods have had on this tortured country and the lack of any real control of the violent elements in it. Those men who were killed were many of them men who knew too much about the Germans' plans.

The events in Rumania which have followed the Germans' loud declamations about the benefits of their "new order" in South-East Europe, have provided the most striking example of just what that "new order" brings. Whatever the mistakes made by Rumania's politicians in the past, and the corruption that has been rampant for years, it is fair to say that Rumania has been remarkably self-contained and contented.

Nazi Germany has changed all that. It has seized half of Transylvania, the precious province regarded by the Rumanians as the cradle of their people, it is stripping the land of food supplies, so that there, where there has always been such an abundance as to make the traveller think he had come to a land of milk and honey, there is a growing shortage of necessities of life. On top of this, the legal system of the "new order" has come into force—the seizure of property without just cause, the execution of men without trial, and all the horrors of the Gestapo.

But in Rumania, as everywhere, is increasing evidence that this "new order" is going to be one of the most important factors in destroying Nazi Germany. Already the confusion which has resulted from German intrigue is producing that dislocation of business and traffic which is most upsetting for the Germans.

The fear of Germany is growing steadily in all classes to bitter hatred. The magnificent fight which the Greeks are making, the reports of British successes which are filtering through, help to encourage the suffering Rumanians.

There may not be much that they can do openly as yet, but from my knowledge of Rumania I am sure that the German occupation is going to be made increasingly uncomfortable.

Private Life of a Private: Further Extract From the Diary of a Journalist in the Army

TOUGH GUY

DRUMMER-BOYS have gone down in history as a tough bunch. They hop from wheel to perilous wheel of the War Machine and cover themselves with glory.

They are familiar with bayonets before they have learned to handle a safety razor.

They are children of the storm.

It was rather shocking, therefore, to see a drummer with a glum face, sitting by the stove in the hut where we were rehearsing for the Camp Concert.

Behind him, two drummers—one with a cut knuckle, the other with a swollen lip—were indulging in sarcastic commentary.

"Curly's in love!"

"That's it. Curly's in love with a Naffy girl."

Curly said nothing. He shrugged his shoulders and stared at the stove.

A huge Corporal with a mouth like a break-back rat-trap and the eye of an executioner—a gaunt, grim, leather-faced veteran of many campaigns, who for some dark reason is known as "Bearsbreath"—leaned against the piano, and looked on moodily.

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IT was obvious that Bearsbreath, also, knew the meaning of gloom; of the peculiar, brief, sudden gloom of the soldier, who, committed to the Army for many long years, occasionally thinks of soft beds and white tablecloths.

He took his pipe out of his mouth, and said: "Sup, son? Browned orf?" Curly did not answer.

"Lost yer tongue, son?" "No," said Curly.

Then wassup?" "Nothing."

"How old are ya, son?" "Sixteen."

"Sixteen when?" "To-day."

"So that's it," said the Corporal; and tamped down the fiery ashes in his pipe with an insensitive finger. "Wanna see ya ma an' pa. That it?" Curly shrugged.

"Get 'ny birthday presents, son?" "Nup."

"Dad in work?" "Nup."

"Ma?" "Sick."

"Life ain't all wine-gums and doughnuts, ya know," said Bearsbreath. "I'm all right," said Curly.

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BEARSBREATH left the hut, and then returned. "Eeyar," he said; and dropped into Curly's lap a quarter-pound slab of nut-milk chocolate. "Many appery turns."

"Ta," said Curly.

"'Alf a mo," said Corporal Bearsbreath; and fumbled under his blouse. "Like this?" He held up a canvas belt with money-pouches in it.

It was easy to see that this belt had gone with him through all the vicissitudes of his hard forty years. It was encrusted, from end to end, with dozens of glittering regimental badges and numerals.

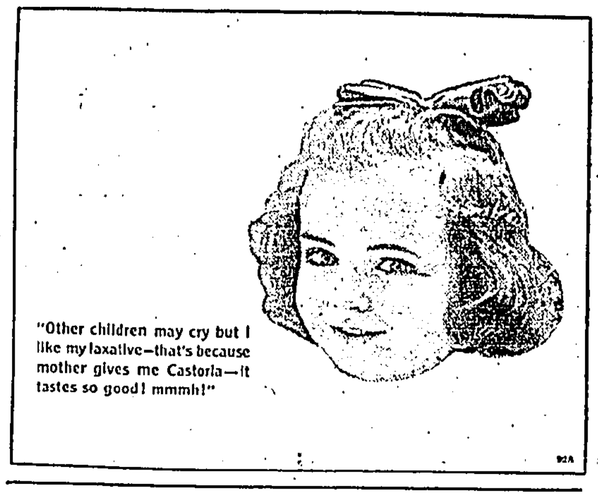
Old soldiers treasure such belts, which often represent all that they have to show for a lifetime of soldiering.

Curly said "Coo!"

"I downannit. You can 'ave it," said the Corporal, and stamped out of the hut.

"Let's look!" cried the two other drummers. "Let's see."

"Ain't it a smasher?" said Curly, laughing and sniffing at the same time; while the Lad from the Elephant and Castle, wide-eyed, said: "Wot on earth come over ole Bearsbreath?"



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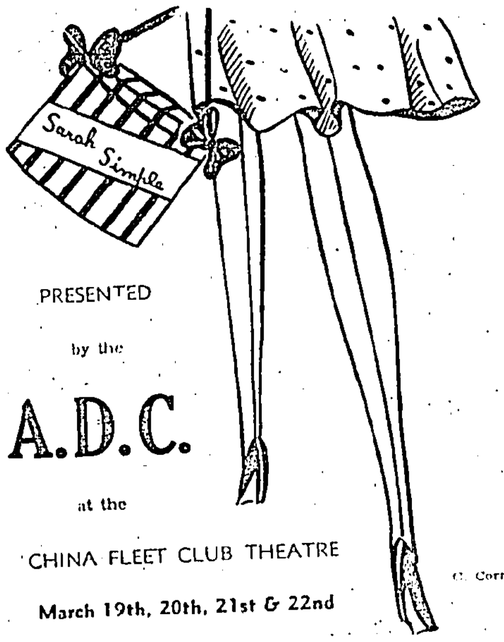
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

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RICE STORAGE

AMONGST the many emergency problems which Government has been striving to anticipate and provide for during recent months, the most vexatious and complicated has been the accumulation and successful storage of rice for the Colony's tens of thousands of Chinese inhabitants. First move was to secure access to rice imports and simultaneously to control exports, the latter depending on whether import shipments remained normal. The Indo-China trouble seriously upset rice exports from the French colony to Hongkong, and the necessity for maintaining the fullest possible rice reserves became immediately apparent.

Yesterday Mr F. C. Barry, Controller of Rice, painted an encouraging picture of the rice situation at the moment; nevertheless one hesitates to regard it with complete equanimity. Two impressive points emerged from his statement. One, that deterioration in stored rice is inevitable, and that this deterioration could be expected after five to six months of storage; the other, that experiments had demonstrated that rice could be stored without suffering up to two years under an air conditioning system.

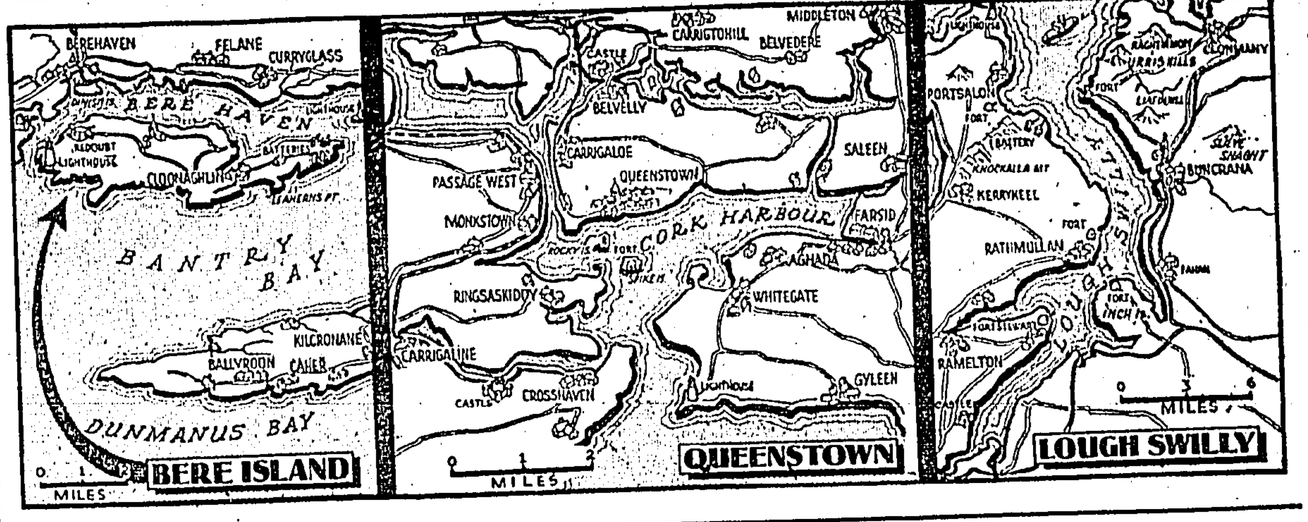
It would appear that the air conditioning experiments, although carried out on a small scale, have been successful, and therefore worthy of closer consideration. If the authorities are satisfied that, under air conditioning, the life of rice can be retained for something like two years without deterioration, the practicability of storing all the rice required for an emergency in air conditioned granaries deserves to be explored.

Biggest obstacle will be expense. It is doubtful whether any existing godowns could be converted to air conditioning except at considerable cost, and the same applies to the erection of specially constructed store houses. Even so, unless costs are absolutely prohibitive (and where Defence Measures are concerned, it is difficult to know when this stage is reached), this factor should not be allowed to stand in the way, providing the method is guaranteed to be effective.

Perhaps the private householder could be encouraged to have his own air conditioned store room, but clearly this suggestion is ruled out unless Government is willing and ready to see that cheap plant is put on the market, or alternatively that householders are subsidised.

The chief point seems to be for Government to satisfy itself about the efficacy of air conditioning in respect to the storing of rice. If this has been fully demonstrated, future policy should be guided by this assurance.

EIRE'S NAVAL BASES





THE Prime Minister told Parliament on November 5 that "the fact that we cannot use the south and west coasts of Ireland to refuel our flotillas and aircraft and thus protect the trade by which Ireland as well as Great Britain lives, is a most heavy and grievous burden and one which should never have been placed on our shoulders, broad though they may be."

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Later in the debate Mr Lees-Smith, leader of the Labour Opposition said "at the early stage of the war we had ports on the west of Germany, Plymouth and Portsmouth, and then as a result of the French collapse Germany obtained ports on the west of us. Obviously the remedy would be for us to have ports on the west of Germany, and those ports are there on the west coast of Ireland."

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When on April 25, 1938, Great Britain signed an agreement with the Government of Eire, she renounced all rights, which had been kept under the earlier treaty, to use the naval bases in Eire. The most important of these are in Bantry Bay, Cork Harbour and Lough Swilly. The three maps above show what valuable harbours these are and how easily they could be protected. At the present time the only harbours in the whole of Ireland available to us are those in Ulster.

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The smaller map, that of the whole island, also shows how advantageously are these ports placed for rapid and constant protection of the Atlantic sea routes used by our shipping. Mr de Valera on November 7 stated that so long as Eire remains neutral Britain will not be allowed the use of the ports which she freely surrendered in 1938.

Eire: What Price Neutrality?

By Walter W. Cunningham

CAN EIRE maintain its neutrality in the face of pressure from all sides to abandon it? The future alone can answer that question. Each day the demand in the English press becomes more insistent for the use of the bases which were returned to Eire in 1938. These bases, located at Berehaven, Lough Swilly, and Cobh, are claimed to be vital to the British Navy in its task of dealing with the growing menace to its sea lanes from U-boats, raiders, and planes.

In the last war, the convoy system proved a sufficient answer to the U-boat. Since then things have changed. The coast of France is now in the hands of the Germans, and Nazi machines and ships are able to operate from Brest, Bordeaux, and Lorient, thus seriously hampering, if not virtually closing, one of the most important approaches to the British Isles. Moreover, Italy is uniting its forces in the attack upon the British blockade, convoy, and patrol arrangements.

In view of this multiple threat, the question of Eire's neutrality has come to the forefront. Eire, through its Premier, Eamon De Valera, has warned the world that it will resist invasion by any belligerent. It is not unsympathetic to the British cause, except in the case of an extremely small minority, but it refuses to jeopardise its peace for the sake of democracy, or any other ideology. It has suffered from wars for 700 years and has no desire to take part in another, particularly where England is concerned.

What of invasion by Germany? The possibility, it claims, has been taken into full consideration. It discounts the argument that the Nazis may try to use Eire as a back door into England, asserting that it has forces sufficient to deal with any eventuality. On this point, the neighbours of Eire are less sanguine. They argue, and with good reason, that Eire's protective fleet is negligible, and that while Eire is reputed to have organised land forces estimated at 250,000 men, its real safety depends upon the British fleet and air forces.

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EIRE wants to be free. It wants no persuasion or coercion from any other state. It wants to keep clear of a war that was not of its own making, and for whose outbreak it takes not the remotest responsibility. It rests secure in the hope that its neutrality will serve as a shield, and will prevent one or other of the combatants from finding an excuse or a motive for committing some overt act. Its statesmen want to go on with the orderly development of its resources.

How realistic this objective is, it is not easy to fathom. Eire is an agricultural country and virtually the whole of its products find a market in England. Before the present war, Eire followed a policy based to a certain degree upon self-containment. It encouraged home industries, and sprinkled factories for the manufacture of much-needed goods all over the country. But the disorganisation of commerce consequent upon the opening of hostilities in Europe had a serious effect upon this enterprise. As the days wore on, the situation grew worse. And, quite recently, Mr De Valera was forced to broadcast the news that Eire's supplies were being rapidly exhausted, and that, if some means of replenishing them were not found, a serious crisis might ensue.

How were the supplies to be brought in? Hardly in British ships, unless in a limited degree. For the British people themselves have had to forego many things to free vessels for service along the coast of Africa, and to carry much-needed planes and munitions from the United States and the Dominions. In the face of all this, how could shipping be diverted to help Eire, which had refused to throw in its lot with Great Britain?

The theory has been advanced by some writers that if an end to partition were offered to Eire, it might come into the war on the side of the forces opposed to aggression. This theory would be difficult to sustain were all the factors to be taken into consideration. In the first place, Mr De Valera has repeatedly asserted that he will never surrender his long-cherished independence, and his opponents hold that it is this independence which has proved the principal barrier to unity. In the second place, Eire wants peace at all costs.

So much for the South. What of the North?

Ulster has never been opposed to union with the South. But it has always made unity contingent upon three conditions:

1. That the German and Italian ambassadors should be asked to leave the country.

2. That Eire should abandon neutrality. "We have either to fight for Britain in every way," said the late Lord Craigavon in a speech, "or we are against her along the horrible dirty path of neutrality."

3. That questions regarding the abolition of partition should be postponed until after the war.

"Was it an unfair thing to ask that all political questions of a disturbing nature of this kind should be laid aside so as not to hamper us in our efforts to beat the enemy?" asked the former Premier. "In the task of beating that enemy I hope that Ulster will be able to play her full part, sharing the sorrows and horrors as well as the rejoicings in the final triumph."

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THE burden of the late Lord Craigavon's thought was aid to Britain, and he put the question to his challengers:

"Would it strengthen and help the defences of Great Britain if the whole of Ulster were neutral like the South? If the Army and the Navy and Air Force were told that this being a neutral part of Ireland, they must retire and go back to their own country, in England, Scotland, and Wales, would that help the British people?"

Lord Craigavon likened the two parts of Ireland to Canada and the United States, which, too, were divided by a boundary. Yet they never sought the elimination of that border line. "There is North America and there is South America," he added. "We have Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland."

It is true he omitted from consideration the religious differences which have kept the two divisions of Ireland apart.



MR DE VALERA, the enigma of Western Europe. Where is his policy leading Eire?

In the South, Roman Catholicism has been recognised by the Constitution as the predominant religion. This has resulted in the North declaring itself, through one of its statesmen, a Protestant state, although this spokesman was careful to say that the Roman Catholic minority had and would always have the same rights and privileges as other religious sects.

Apart from the religious question, there are economic and political problems of a formidable character. There are no tariff and custom restrictions in the trade between Northern Ireland and England, and there are political advantages which accrue to Ulster as a result of its identifying itself with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Unity, therefore, seems out of the question at this time. The issue of the moment is the Irish naval and air bases, which figure so vitally in the subject of Eire's neutrality. It would be wrong to assume, however, that naval and air bases alone in the hands of England would end the U-boat menace. The situation is too serious and complex for that. The heartfelt gratitude expressed upon the announcement that 50 United States destroyers were being transferred to Britain was evidence enough of the crying need for something other than bases. Likewise the constant demand for aeroplanes and war material. Yet the recurrent and insistent appeal through the press and in public for the Irish bases is significant, and indicative of England's plight.

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TO SAY that the situation in Ireland is full of anomalies is to put it mildly. Even if the geographic position is considered, it is not clear. Ulster isn't really Ulster. The six counties of which it is composed are actually only two thirds of the province, for there are nine counties in Ulster. Yet in Parliament and out of it, Northern Ireland is invariably referred to as Ulster. The other 26 counties in Ireland are known as Eire. Now Eire means Ireland. Yet Eire is only part of Ireland. Moreover, Ulster is frequently referred to as the North, and it is no more the North than Eire is the South. Ulster is in the northeast of the country.

Then again, in the South, English is largely spoken but Gaelic is obligatory in the schools.

But all this, although enlightening, is incidental. Issues which in the past have loomed large upon the horizon have now almost vanished in the face of the threat to Western civilisation. Paramount above all other considerations is what is the best course to take. Compromises of various kinds have been suggested, and none of them has come to anything. The outlook, however, is not as bleak as it would seem, for circumstances have a way of altering cases, and circumstances which are approaching in the present war may solve the problem of air and naval bases, without the immediate or direct interference of either belligerent.—*From the "Christian Science Monitor."*

Silk Stockings From Seaweed

Seaweed, collected in peace time from the Hebrides alone to the tune of 400,000 tons a year, is about to be used in Britain on a commercial scale for the production of rayon for stockings, underwear, and other knitted and woven goods.

In explaining the nature of the new textile to the Bradford Society of Dyers and Colourists at Leeds University, Professor J. B. Speakman soaked a piece of it in petrol and set it alight. The petrol simply burned away, leaving the fabric quite unaltered.

Alginic Acid

Seaweed contains between 20 and 30 per cent. of alginic acid, and the new rayon is the result of a discovery for obtaining alginates which are resistant to alkalis. The rayon is non-inflammable because it contains an inorganic material as an essential part of its constitution.

Research work has been going on for about two years, and, as the supply of seaweed is almost inexhaustible and there to be picked up, the present discovery is expected to have an important war time effect in the saving of shipping space.

Library, Supreme Court

KEREN IN DESPERATE POSITION: ERITREA'S FATE IN THE BALANCE

LONDON, MAR. 18 (REUTER).—KEREN, WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF ITALIAN ERITREA AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE OF ITALIAN EAST AFRICA NOW APPEARS TO BE IN AN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND ITALIAN SOURCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

DISPATCHES FROM KHARTOUM, BRITISH COMMUNIQUES FROM CAIRO AND NAIROBI, AND AN ITALIAN COMMUNIQUE FROM ROME TELL A STORY OF HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES IN BITTER COUNTER-ATTACKS AGAINST THE BELEAGUERING IMPERIAL ARMY.

A communique from Cairo to-day also reports that pressure by Imperial and patriot forces in Abyssinia is being maintained successfully over a wide area against the retreating Italians while British troops are extending the area of occupation in British Somaliland.

From the north, British and French troops are pushing across the wilderness of the ridges towards the road leading from Keren.

Against Great Odds

Several heights still held by the Italians still separate them from the road, which is ideal for defence. The British have to assail the positions which the Italians have had a month to prepare and they are faced with greatly superior numbers, estimated at 30,000.

The Battle of Keren, therefore, is expected to last several days.

Severe Fighting

CAIRO, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Very severe fighting is proceeding on the Keren front in Eritrea in a temperature of 105 degrees.

Exact details are yet lacking but it is believed that there has been hand to hand fighting in this mountain warfare.

The enemy is making determined counter-attacks but according to a military spokesman all these have been held successfully.

Other operations on the East African frontier are proceeding satisfactorily.

Tripoli Harbour Raid

CAIRO, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—A heavy attack was made by the R.A.F. on Tripoli Harbour on Sunday night.

The mole, ships and quays were bombed, large fires were started in hangars and military stores, and explosions were seen at a railway depot and near the wireless station.

An R.A.F. communique announcing this also states that the R.A.F. continued their activity in the Keren area

ALBANIAN WAR RESPITE

—Italians Quiet

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The crushing defeat sustained by the Italians when their seven-day offensive on the Albanian front was hurled back has forced them into inactivity, according to the Greek radio.

The only activity was by Greek patrols.

It is not at all certain that reorganisation will permit the enemy to risk another offensive.

Local Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Repeated Italian local attacks were repulsed with considerable losses by the Greeks to-day, states a Greek communique, according to the Athens radio.

A successful manoeuvre in the Aros region results in 165 prisoners being taken.

Much Travelled Donovan Home

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's "Ambassador-at-Large," arrived here by air after a 26,000-miles tour of the European and African war zones.

Colonel Donovan said that he had obtained information which he hoped would be "of value to the United States in preparation for her own defences."



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UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter):—Alf Ahlberg in the "Dagens Nyheter" examines Britain's plans for Europe after the war under the heading, "Europe's United States."

He declares that Britain is also fighting for a new order in Europe, and that although nothing is yet definitely stated, it is clear that the English desire to see Europe united as a federation of states under a supernational organisation. The historial pattern for this is the U.S.A.

After the last war, European states tried to form a union but without sacrificing the smallest part of their sovereignty. Furthermore the League of Nations had no armed forces of its own. The League was a group of loosely linked states and this system can no longer work because a sovereign state in the modern world is fiction.

Chaos Or Control

Everything is interdependent and the only choice now is between chaos or an organised union under a supernational control.

Those are the broad outlines of the Anglo-Saxon aims although details are still subject to discussion between H. G. Wells, Streit, Nicolson, etc.

Apology To Belgrade

Accidental Bombing

BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The British Government has expressed regret for the incident which occurred on the night of December 21 when bombs fell on the Yugo-Slav frontier town of Souchak, says an official statement issued here to-day.

The British Government expressed their "deep regret to the Yugo-Slav Government for this involuntary incident, stating that they were ready to pay just compensation for damage to persons and property."

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATED

Solemn Mass was said at St Joseph's Church, Garden Road, at 8 o'clock this morning in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee in the priesthood of the Rev. Fr. A. Riganti, Rector of St Joseph's Church since 1929. There was a large gathering present.

Fr. Riganti was ordained in Italy on March 18, 1916 and received his first Mass on March 19, the day on which Roman Catholics all over the world observe the Feast of St Joseph. He came to Hongkong in 1920 and was chaplain of St Joseph's Church for seven years before becoming Rector.

"Te Deum" and the Holy Hour will be held at the Catholic Cathedral at 6 o'clock this evening when the choir of St Joseph's Church will join the Cathedral choir in rendering appropriate music including compositions by Fr. Riganti, whose "Miserere" has been played regularly at the Cathedral during Holy Week for the last 20 years.

YUGO-SLAVIA ON MORE RATIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 18 (UP).—Starting probably to-morrow, Yugo-Slavia will have three meatless days per week instead of the present two.

This is due to the heavy shipments of meat to Germany and Italy, especially the latter and also because of German requirements.

It is understood that Yugo-Slavia will be able to ship to Germany and Italy only 10,000 cattle out of the 20,000 they are obliged to ship during the next three months.

Plead "Not Guilty"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Manager of the Trans-Ocean News Agency Dr Zapp, and his assistant Herr Tonn, pleaded not guilty in the United States District Court to an indictment charging failure to comply with the Foreign Registration Act of 1938.

Exiled Dutch Premier On His Way to N.E.I.

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Premier of the exiled Dutch Government, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, accompanied by his wife arrived here by Clipper to-day and said he was en route to the Netherlands East Indies to "talk things over with the Governor-General there."

He asserted that his Government did not expect Japan to invade the Dutch islands in the Pacific and added: "We have had three and a half centuries of peace with Japan and I do not see any signs to give me any reason for concern."

When asked whether or not his Government would ask protection for the Indies, he replied: "We accept protection from nobody; however, if attacked, then I believe our interests, British interests and your (United States) interests would be parallel."

Due In N.E.I. April 1

BATAVIA, Mar. 18 (Domei).—Dr E. N. van Kleffens, Foreign Minister, and Mr Charles M. Welter, Minister for Colonies, of the Netherlands Government in London, are arriving here from London on April 1.

Mr Ritman, spokesman, said that the visit has no special purpose but is to make routine consultations between the home Government and the East Indies Government.

The spokesman said that the Japanese-Dutch negotiations would be greatly accelerated by the visit.

The spokesman denied that the two Ministers would proceed to Singapore or Sydney after visiting here.

British Money In America

Secret Evidence Revealed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The evidence given by the United States defence chiefs at last week's secret hearings before the National Defence Committee was released to-day as the House of Representatives began debate on the British Aid appropriations.

The Director-General of Defence, Mr William Knudsen's statement showed that Britain financed 61 manufacturing plants out of 784 available or in preparation for the production of defence materials.

The statement made by the Budget Director, Mr Harold Smith, gave a comprehensive view of Britain's war expenditure in the United States. The total existing British orders, says Mr Smith's statement, aggregate $2,700,000,000. Payment of $1,680,000,000 has been made.

All goods delivered to Britain have been paid for and usually a 25 per cent. deposit was paid in cash with an order.

The remaining liabilities will be met from Britain's existing dollar resources.

The statement says that the British Government has not adequate funds to meet additional commitments but none was proposed.

Pre-Bill Orders

The United States' $7,000,000,000 British Aid appropriation would be used to pay the orders placed by Britain before the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

At the beginning of the current year, British holdings included $616,000,000 of marketable securities and $9,000,000,000 of less easily marketable investments.

The nominal value of United Kingdom investments in Canada is $2,000,000,000 and in South America $3,500,000,000. The market value, said Mr Smith, is much less than the nominal value.

At the beginning of the current year, Britain held $292,000,000 and sold $54,000,000 official dollar balances and $305,000,000 private balances.

Capital Assistance

Britain had given capital assistance totalling $171,000,000 to United States defence plants in connection with orders for planes.

The monthly expenditure of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and the United Kingdom was $1,750,000,000, of which the United States accounted for $1,500,000,000.

During the current fiscal year, Canada is expected to spend $1,400,000,000 in direct war effort.

Ambush In India

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—One Indian officer and one Indian other rank were killed and one British officer and two Indian other ranks were wounded, when a staff car was ambushed on the Bannu-Mirali road.

American Eagle Squadron

Two Formed In U.K.

(BY "REUTER'S" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

R.A.F. FIGHTER STATION, Mar. 18.—Pilots who are anxious to debunk the quip that they are the "glamour boys" of the R.A.F. and whose one desire is to make their squadron one of which Britain and America will be proud, form the personnel of the American Eagle Squadron I visited to-day.

No Nazi plane came their way while I was there. The enemy no longer takes up all their time over Britain and the squadron have yet to bring down their first victim as a squadron.

Recruits are coming in fast enough to form a second Eagle Squadron; they are now completing operational training in England.

The squadron's tale of impatient longing to get at the enemy is the new cry of many hundreds of veteran British and Allied fighter pilots, whose ranks these young Americans have joined.

Wider Range

The Hurricanes with which they are equipped will help the American Eagles play their part in the operations which will no longer be confined to metropolitan defence, for the enemy must now be sought more often far out to sea and quite often beyond the continental coastline.

The squadron will operate exactly the same way as other fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. and great things are expected of this very shy but determined band of America's first war pilots.

TOKYO-SOFIA

Invitation To Open Markets In Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 18 (Domei).—The visiting Bulgarian economic envoy Mr Fulsanoff, was the host at a reception given at the Imperial Hotel by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry this afternoon. Addressing the party, the Bulgarian envoy explained the economic conditions obtaining in the Balkans and invited Japanese traders to cultivate new markets there.

Raid Warning To Two Indian Districts

DIBRUGARH, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur District has warned the people of Digboi and Tinsukia to be ready for possible air attacks.

CHINA FIGHTING CLAIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (UP).—A communique issued to-day states that Ponanchen near the end of the Chungtiao range in south-west Shansi was entered by Chinese forces from several directions at midnight March 14 "wiping up numerous Japanese troops, destroying over a dozen gun emplacements, scores of barracks and one storehouse."

Fighting is still progressing.

The strategic heights south-east of Vicheng, about 130 kilometres north-east of Ponanchen were recaptured yesterday noon.

On other fronts near Chungtiao-shan, it said that after the re-capture of Lingchwan in south-east Shansi on March 12, Chinese forces regained all points they have lost since the Japanese offensive started on March 5.

Foraging In Waichow

WAICHOW, Mar. 19 (Central News).—A Japanese detachment which landed at Fanhokang on the coast in Waichow on March 16 to forage provisions was intercepted and heavily decimated by the Chinese. The raiders plundered numerous villages in the vicinity of Fanhokang and set fire to many houses before retiring to their warships.

Anhwei Province

TSINAN, Mar. 18 (Domei).—Leaving Lingpi and Szehsien in north-eastern Anhwei Province on March 13, a Japanese Army column surprised about 300 Communist troops of the Eighth Route Army near Chiatsi.

About 500 Communist troops of the New Fourth Army were attacked by a Japanese Army detachment near Chukikow on the Honan-Anhwei border. The Reds in the course of a northward movement were repulsed with heavy losses.

Donations For Bomber Fund

A total of $1,693,394.54 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

R.A. Sergeants' Mess, Stanley (second donation)	$100
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Craigengower Cricket Club (second donation)	70
Hongkong Police Force (All Contingents and Clerical Staff) February (sixth donation)	604.20
Sanitary Department Subordinate Staff's Club	100

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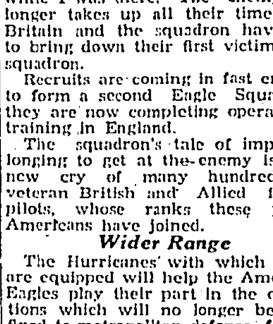
I have much pleasure in sending to you the sum of $100 for the Bomber Fund from members of the Sanitary Department Subordinate Staff's Club. This club is composed of the lowliest grades of staff employed by this Department—Scavenging and Cleansing Coolies, Refuse Kargemen and their Foremen and Overseers, Motor Drivers for Refuse Lorries, and Sanitary Department Vans and artisans and labourers of various kinds. This time last year they contributed a like sum to the B. W. O. F.

You will agree with me, I am sure, that these spontaneous acts, in days of ever increasing prices, are a marvellous pledge of the loyalty of these men.

High U.K. Bomber Production

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—More aircraft, both bombers and fighters, were produced in Britain during February than in any previous month during the war.

This was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Colonel J. J. Llewellin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.



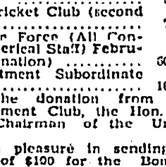
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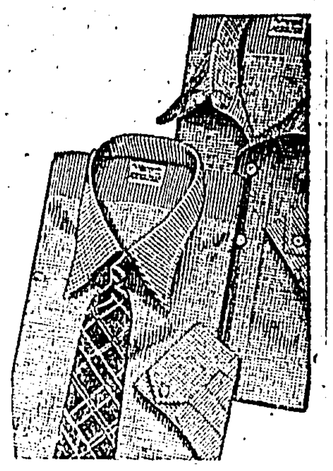


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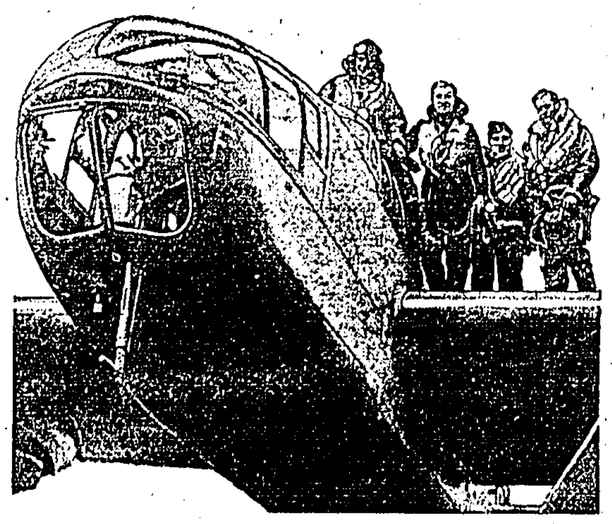
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Around The Courses

Australians Aid Red Cross Fund

Gutta Percha v. Modern Ball Match At New South Wales

(By "Birdie")

EMULATING the Ancient v. Modern match that was arranged by Henry Cotton at Home last year, Australian golfers recently played one of their own in aid of the War Funds. This, actually, was for the Soldiers' Comforts Fund, but many others have been played for the Red Cross Fund.

In this match of gutta-percha ball v. the modern rubber-cored ball, Sam Bolger (N. S. Wales professional champion, and 1936 Open champion) partnered Sam Richardson (1935 N. S. Wales professional champion) against Fred Popplewell (1925 and 1928 Open champion) and Victor James and lost 2 and 1, using the gutta-percha ball.

Bolger, with hickory shafted clubs, went round in 79 (eight over par for the Bonnie Doon course, N.S.W.) and Richardson, with steel shafts, took 81. They slammed and slammed, but the little solid ball would not go.

The veterans with the rubber-cored balls out-drove their opponents by 50-60 yards with the wind, and by 80-90 yards against the wind. And after about a dozen holes, the gutta-percha balls began to swerve, wobble and dive like snipe, especially against the wind.

At one hole—540 yards against the wind—it took Richardson three perfectly-hit woods to reach the green!

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FORTY-TWO birdies in 129 holes were scored by Harry Hattersley (1930 Open champion) and Sam Richardson in a recent pro and amateur knock-out foursomes competition for the War Funds. This was the first time that amateurs and pros have ever associated in the same tournament in Australia.

Duchesses and maids serve side by side at Home, and now here's another fetish broken. War breaks down many artificial barriers.

In challenge matches for the Red Cross, however, no combination o. pros has been able to defeat Allan Waterson (who beat Jim Ferrier in the last N.S.W. amateur championship) and D. J. Davies, (who wa. runner-up).

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THE return match between the Country Club and Kowloon has been definitely fixed for March 30 on the Sheungshui course. The teams will be fourteen-a-side with singles in the morning and fourballs in the afternoon.

It was hoped to arrange the return match for the women on the same day, but Kowloon are already committed to a match that day, so the game with the Country Club will be held on a later date at Sheungshui.

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THE courses have been very wet. Two Sundays, though, have been remarkable in that they dawned with heavy rains, but the sun shone before the day was over. There was quite a bit of casual water on the first, second and third fairways a Sheungshui, but the course was playable.

The first at Kowloon retained and still has much water. These, however, are the months wherein it is permissible to pick up and drop plugged balls at Kowloon without penalty.

The second green at the latter course has been improved (though one or two players do not think so) in that it has been enlarged and slopes. Attempt has been made to undulate the surface, and putts thereon are now subject to trigonometrical calculation, for, unless one is putting uphill, it is a very difficult three.

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JIM Ferrier won the Miami Open—which included professionals, and which is an American Tournament—yet when L. D. Carson went down to the Philippines last month and wanted to enter for the P. I. Open, the Tennis officials told him that if he did so he would be barred from the tennis competition because in the Golf Competition there was a prize of $5,000, and in playing he would have been classed as a professional!

It seems a rather novel departure from the usual rules of an "Open" tournament. As I understand it, in "Open" competitions, the first amateur is awarded a trophy of some sort, and the first professional takes the money prize. How then was Carson affected?

Programme For April Meeting

Following is the programme for the meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held on April 6:

Chinshan Handicap.—China ponies E Class. Six Furlongs. Entries will be divided into three sections at the discretion of the handicapper.

Lingnan Handicap.—China ponies D Class. Five Furlongs.

Lung Chen Handicap: Forced entry for Y Class China ponies. One Mile.

Shekki Plate China Ponies, X Class. Six Furlongs.

Entries close on March 27, at Noon.

Badminton

Further Matches In Colony Championship

TWO MATCHES in the Junior Singles, one in the Junior Doubles and a Mixed Doubles match comprised the Colony Badminton Championship programme at the Club de Recreio last night. Results were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

W. E. Gillespie beat A. L. Gordon 15-3, 15-7; T. S. Young beat J. Tsang 18-13, 18-16.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies beat W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung 15-3, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

H. C. and Miss D. Eardley beat W. E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong 15-7, 15-6.

The best match of the evening was that between Young and Tsang in the Singles. Players were evenly matched, and every point was hotly contested. Young, if anything, was superior at the net, and this was the deciding factor of the game. Tsang smashed well, though Young, as often as not, was able to return the shuttle.

In each of the remaining games, it was the case of the better players (and greatly so) who won. W. E. Gillespie after winning his singles was seen in action a second time for the evening when he partnered Miss F. Wong against H. C. and Miss Decima Eardley, former Shanghai champions.

Army Snooker

R.E. Sergeants Take Lead From Medicals

DEFEATING Signals Corporals 6-0, Engineer Sergeants have wrested the leadership of the garrison snooker league from Medical Corps for the first time since the start of the tournament.

Medicals were only a point ahead prior to the Sergeants' victory and could register only a 4-2 win over Engineers A, which placed them a point in arrears.

The last match of the season will be played to-morrow when Engineer Sergeants and Medical Corps meet at Whitfield Barracks. Medicals cannot afford to draw in this decisive game for the Windsor Shield.

Results

Four matches were played on Monday, the results being.—Artillery Sergeants (Stanley) beat Pay Corps 5-1; Medicals beat Engineers A 4-2; Engineer Sergeants beat Signals Corporals 6-0; Signals A and Military Police drew 3-3.

Following is the table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Engineer Sergeants	13	9	2	2	53
R.A.M.C.	13	8	1	4	52
R.A. Sgts (Stanley)	13	6	2	5	44
Police	13	2	4	7	37
Engineers A	13	2	5	6	35
Pay Corps	13	3	0	4	32
Signals A	13	3	0	2	30
Signals Corporals	13	2	7	4	29

International Cup Final

The following soccer teams have been selected to represent England and Scotland in the final of the *Sunday Herald* Cup at Boundary Street on April 6:

England.—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Roughley (Navy), Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police), Bright (Middlesex) Captain, Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), le Page (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Saw (Middlesex), Marrable (Middlesex). Reserves.—Moxham (R.E.), Parker (Middlesex), Britt (Navy), Parker (Police), Forrow (Club); Fox (R.E.), Barber (Navy), Coomer (Middlesex).

Scotland.—Bankier (Scots); Naysmith (Scots), Fraser (Scots) Captain; Munro (Scots), Birrell (R.E.), Clarke (Scots); Garry (Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (Scots), Howlett (Police), Marshall (Scots).

Reserves.—Blackburn (Police), Lamb (Kowloon), Gilroy (Scots), Hutchison (Signals), Scott (Club).



Volleyball . . . South China "A" beat King's College 21-11 in this volleyball match at the Botanic Athletic Ground on Sunday.—*Sun Ying-ming Studio.*

Inauspicious Opening Of Tennis Championships

Results According To Book

OPENING MATCHES of the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club last night provided nothing by which to mark the occasions. The Tsui brothers were on view, as was H. D. Rumjahn but their opposition was nothing very great. The Japanese entrants, O. Umetani and T. Imura, showed promise, though they, too, had an easy passage into the next round.

Results were:

OPEN SINGLES

H D. Rumjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.

Once more it seems that the same players are to reach the final stages. These, it is true, were but the first matches of the Tournament, but if they are any criterion there has been little or no improvement in the Colony tennis.

Typical Tsui's

THE TSUI brothers put up a show typical of their early matches. They took the first set easily, and though credit must be given to their opponents for improvement in the second, the Tsuis had slackened off.

H. D. Rumjahn, at no period, was extended by W. J. Howard. The Japanese players were new material, and though guilty of several errors in the opening set, settled down to tennis that showed promise.

Results of the Club competitions were:

Club Handicap Singles.—H. Van Leeuwem beat L. P. Ralph 6-3, 6-4; A. T. Dow beat M. A. Biereus de Haan 6-0, 6-3.

Club Handicap Doubles.—D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop beat N. Spence and E. Newton 6-8, 6-2, 6-2.

Match Cancelled

To-day's rugby game between Club A and Navy A has been cancelled as Club are unable to field a team.

Cricket Teams

The following will represent Craigengower against Indians in a first division league cricket match on Saturday at Sookunpoo.—E. Zimmern (Capt), A. B. Hanson, A. J. Hulse, L. A. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, T. Locke, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young, Gaye.

INTER-UNIT LEAGUE

The following will represent the Artillery against Engineers in the semi-final of the large units knockout competition at 2 p.m. to-day at Sookunpoo, to decide who will play Combined Small Units in the final.—Brig. T. McLeod, Major C. R. Templer, Capt P. J. T. Skipwith, Lieut L. J. A. Feilden, Lieut C. Pearce, Lieut L. C. Pearce, Lieut K. Allanson, Lieut J. Fox, Lieut Plummer, Lieut D. Clague, Gnr Barsby. Reserve, Gnr Dobbinson.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Softball At Night

Suggestions For Local Enthusiasts To Consider

Flood-Light Advantages

(By "Ball Fan")

THE EXASPERATION of softball postponements due to various reasons with the acknowledged one week wait before resuming schedule, has its discouraging repercussions especially toward the end of each year's schedule when Hongkong's rainy season puts in its depressing appearance, just about the time when the pennant chase is at its sizzling point.

With the growing popularity of this game in the Colony, night softball, or softball under the floodlights should take a commanding spot in the so-called "improvement of this game" in Hongkong.

In Canada and the United States, hundreds of softball fields from coast to coast have presented night games for years, and the number is growing annually. Successful play under floodlights demands a high level of illumination, so distributed that the field itself and the ball as it flies through the air, can be seen clearly from all positions by both players and spectators.

Advantages

SOFTBALL'S years of experience with night games have definitely proved that teams play as well at night as in daylight; in fact the advantages are manifold. With proper floodlighting, play is often speeded up and made easier.

This may be proven by the fact that from the first pitch to the final out, the light never varies. Players are never handicapped by the change from glaring sunlight to dark shadows, encountered as a daytime or twilight game progresses. Under floodlighting every part of the playing field is lighted evenly and stays that way throughout the game.

And a white ball is much easier and more quickly seen against a background of black sky than against a light sky during the day.

After A Weary Day

FROM an active as well as a commercial point of view, more games could be played during the season, attracting greater crowds. Here in the Colony practically all athletic events are held during the week-ends, resulting in a divided attendance at the different sporting attractions.

In the evenings during the week, ball fans after a hard day's work would find real relaxation and enjoyment in a rip-roaring, lingo filled softball session as we have them here during our Sunday confabs at the Kowloon ball park.

Greater crowds and new converts to this amazingly popular game would be the result.

American Methods

IN America, most softball parks which have night games have floodlights located in groups or banks at advantageous points. This way of grouping appears to produce better results than lights which are in a continuous row encircling the playing area.

A most important factor lies in the fact that there must be a minimum of glare or shadow, so that neither players nor spectators will be annoyed by, nor conscious of, light from the lamps.

Another essential point in the successful operation of night games is the proper focusing of the floodlights which has an important bearing in bringing out the maximum effort of an active player as well as giving the gashouse faithful complete comfort all round.

With softball really coming into its own in the Colony and gradually wending its way up the ladder to the pinnacle of Hongkong's major sporting attractions, the floodlight or night game should be an accepted fact here, in the not too distant future.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The following are the soccer fixtures for Saturday:

WAR CUP

Third Round, South

Chelsea v. Queen's P.R.; Mansfield v. Leicester; Tottenham v. Cardiff.

Third Round, North

Manchester C. v. Everton; Middlesbro' v. Newcastle; Sheffield U. v. Barnsley; Tranmere v. Preston N.E.

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Fulham; Millwall v. Arsenal; West Ham v. Reading.

LEAGUE, SOUTH

Bournemouth v. Portsmouth; Brighton v. Luton; Watford v. Southampton.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Crystal Pal. v. Brentford; Notts C. v. Lincoln; Stoke v. West Brom.

NORTH REGIONAL

Bolton v. Bury; Bradford C. v. Stockport; Doncaster v. Chesterfield; Halifax v. Burnley; Hull v. Grimsby; Leeds v. Sheffield Wednesday; Liverpool v. Blackpool; Oldham v. Manchester United; Southport v. New Brighton; Wrexham v. Chester.

WEST REGIONAL

Bath v. Lovells; Bristol City v. Aberaman; Cardiff Corinthians v. Swansea.

SCOTTISH CUP

Celtic v. Airdrie; Partick v. Motherwell; Albion v. St Mirren; Hamilton v. Dumbarton; Third Lanark v. Dumbarton; Falkirk v. Rangers; Hibernian v. Clyde; Queen's Park v. Hearts.

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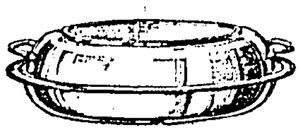
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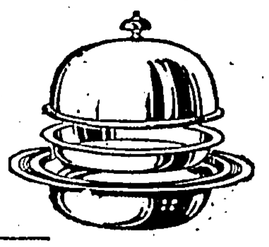
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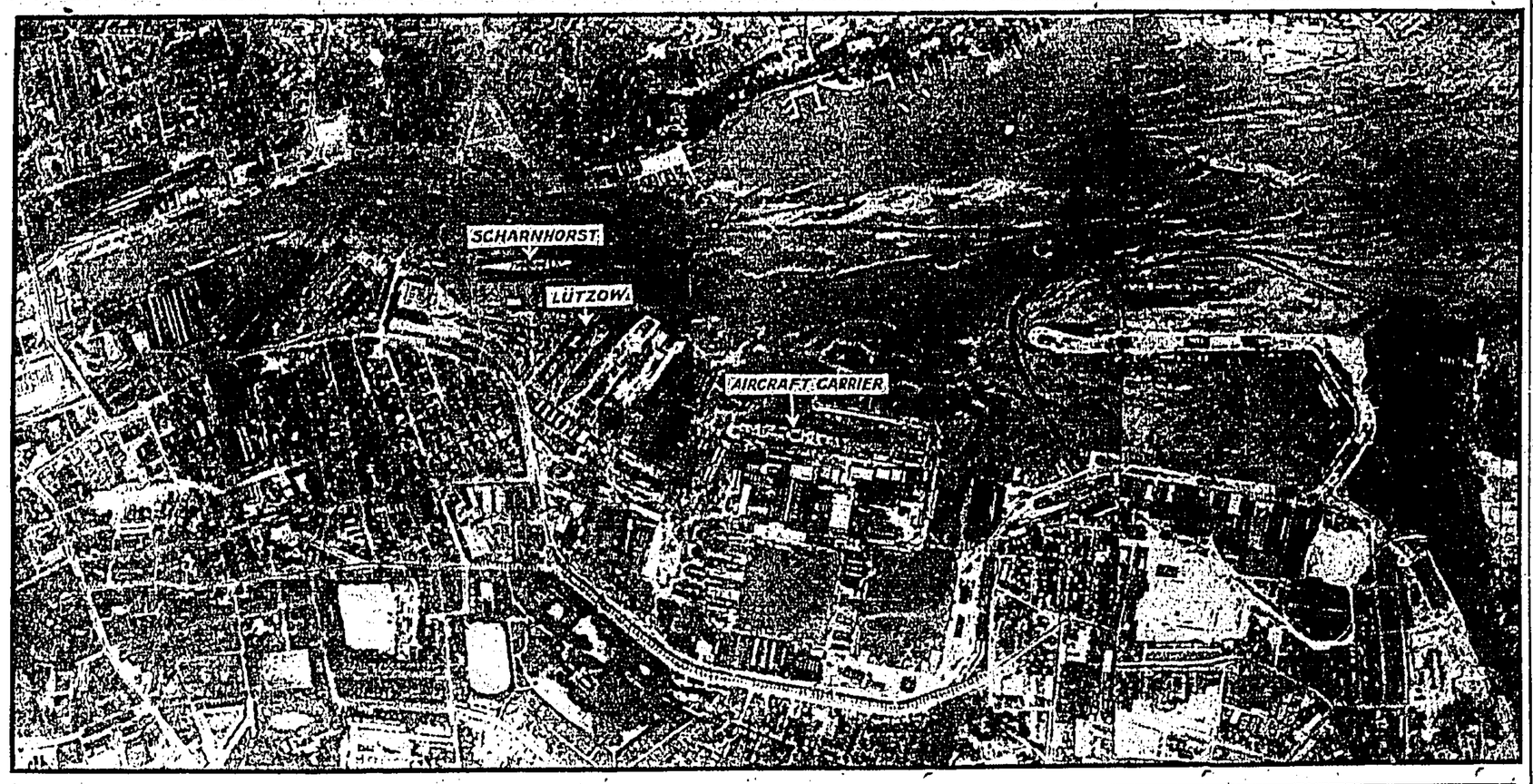
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



RAF Photographs Battered Nazi Warships



HERE is an R.A.F. picture of battered warships at Kiel, which has been kept secret from the Nazis over since the summer, when it was taken.

It has not been published before because the authorities did not want the Germans to know that we had such conclusive evidence of the condition and whereabouts of German warships.

Kiel is probably the most strongly defended war centre in the whole of Germany.

Yet our airmen, in face of balloon barrage, A.A. fire, and possible interception from fighters, were able to go over Kiel in daylight to take a series of remarkable photographs.

Tell-Tale Oil

At the time they were taken nearly every acre of water in the spacious harbour was streaked with oil, as the picture on the left, which is made up of three of the photographs, plainly shows.

Not long before the day on which the pictures were obtained the R.A.F. had carried out a heavy night raid on Kiel, and our pilots then reported particularly large fires.

The tell-tale streaks of oil in the picture almost certainly prove that oil installations were badly hit during the raid.

Well-known German warships, battered in various degrees, are seen undergoing repair.

They include the Scharnhorst, 26,000-tons battle-cruiser, lying helpless in a floating dock, showing unmistakable signs of bomb havoc, and the pocket battleship Lutzow (formerly the Deutschland) in dry dock with severe damage to the stern following a torpedo attack by a British submarine.

Badly Mauled

Stereoscopic pictures clearly indicate how badly mauled was this ex-Deutschland.

As she lies in the dry dock it can be seen that her stern is stripped to the keel.

The Graf Zeppelin, 19,250 tons aircraft carrier, which at the time the pictures were taken was being completed at Kiel, had been moved from her berth when further photographs were obtained a few days later.

Apparently the Nazis had taken to heart the lesson of the Scharnhorst which, there is every reason to believe, had been hit by bombs as she lay in the floating dock at Kiel, and had thereby suffered damage over and above that received while she was at sea.

The Nazis evidently decided to get such a large target as the Graf Zeppelin out of Kiel harbour as quickly as possible.

Japanese Anti-Jew Sentiment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Japanese army organ "Sin Sun Pao," to-day excoriated the Jews and also the United States.

It accused the Jews of pulling strings in United States foreign policy saying, the "American nation is ruled by Jews. Ever since Hitler came into power in Germany, Jews in the United States have exerted *sub rosa* efforts to create a European war whereby the nations therein would be pitted against each other for the benefit of the United States.

"Ignoring the principle that all men were created equal, the United States has strongly stigmatized the yellow race by enforcing the Exclusion Act."

The Exclusion Act restricted Oriental immigration.

Sofia Soft Soap

Bulgars' "New Order"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 18 (UP).—The afternoon newspapers proclaimed the German troops as an "army of revolution," while the Government issued a series of decrees, apparently the beginning of Bulgaria's adaptation to the "new order."

One decree gave the Minister of Education the sole authorisation to censor and publish schoolbooks; the other forbade public meetings and tightened film censorship.

An evening newspaper termed the German troops "a revolutionary army". Its strength lies not only in its weapons but also in the principles for which it is fighting."

Firm's Black-Out Offence

F. G. Herridge, of Loxley and Company, pleaded guilty through a representative when summoned before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning, for breach of the black-out regulations, and was fined $25.

Det.-Sgt Dewar said that about 6.45 p.m. on February 27 a light was seen showing from the Company's godown at Duddell Street and although it was the fault of the compradore, Herridge had assumed responsibility of the offence.

Gandhi's Secretary

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Gandhi's secretary, who was recently released from gaol, is reported to have been arrested to-day under the Defence of India rules.

H.K. Realty & Trust Co. Annual Meeting

—Tribute To Mr Taggart

Despite a decrease of approximately $20,000 in profits compared with the previous year's working, the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd. approved a dividend of 30 cents involving $60,000 when the annual general meeting of the Company was held this morning at the registered offices.

Mr E. M. Raymond was in the chair and was supported by the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Mr P. K. Kwok and Mr P. H. Suckling (directors) and Mr F. C. Barry (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs C. C. Blake, L. Jack, A. d'Eca and J. A. Kotwall.

Mr Raymond said: The profit for the year under review amounted to $62,473.74 which, added to the amount of $29,246.33 brought forward from the preceding year, makes the sum of $91,720.07 available for appropriation. The recommendation of your Board is to pay a dividend of thirty cents per share involving $60,000, and to carry forward the remaining balance of $31,720.07 to the 1941 Account.

"The profit for the year 1940 of $62,473.74 shows a decrease of approximately $20,000 compared with the profit realised in 1939, which is accounted for by Dividends on Investments showing a decline of some $7,700, and a debit balance of Working Account of $2,179.91 compared to a credit balance of $13,359.72 in the preceding year.

"Lido" Patronage

"The debit balance referred to reflects the comparative drop in revenue at the Repulse Bay "Lido" and rental receipts from the Company's adjacent bungalows; earnings in respect of both these departments were well maintained up to the time of the evacuation measures undertaken in July of the past year, after which patronage dwindled and several of the bungalows became vacant, full occupancy having recently been reached only as a result of rental reductions being effected.

"The Balance Sheet records capital additions to the "Lido" Building, Furniture, Fixtures, and Plant and Machinery during the year under review, the major portion of this expenditure having been incurred in connection with the Restaurant; the installation of air conditioning units therein provided a much appreciated amenity to its patrons. No particular comment appears to be necessary on other items in the Balance Sheet.

Mr Taggart's Resignation

"It is with regret I have to report the resignation of Mr J. H. Taggart from the Board of Directors of this Company. Mr Taggart sponsored the Company's promotion and had been its Managing Director for the 18 years since its inception; only continued ill health rendered his resignation necessary and on behalf of this Board, with whom I feel sure Shareholders will also desire to be associated, I take this opportunity of publicly expressing warmest thanks to him for the valuable and essential services he at all times rendered the Company and also to convey heartfelt wishes for his speedy return to good health."

The meeting approved the Chairman's recommendations in the form of a resolution.

FORD & FISHER ON PLANES

Mass Production

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP)—The War Department to-day announced that the Ford Motor Company and the Fisher Body Division of the General Motors Corporation have agreed to construct $17,863,000 worth of new facilities for mass production of planes which will be assembled at mid-western bomber assembly plants.

They said the Ford Contract was approximately $11,000,000 to construct a plant at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to manufacture parts for the Consolidated B-24 which is a four engined bomber.

The Fisher programme is for $6,875,000 to expand its facilities at Memphis, Tenn., with 600,000 additional square feet of floor space.

Annual Meeting Postponed

The annual meeting of the Union Church, Hongkong, which was announced to be held this afternoon, has been postponed, and will be held on Monday next, March 24, at 5.30 p.m.

Americans To Leave Unoccupied France

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—American citizens in Unoccupied France have been asked by the United States Embassy to leave, according to a Paris dispatch to the German official news agency.

The agency adds that their permits will not be renewed.

Mr W. J. Fulker has reported to the Police that someone entered his house at No. 9, Carnarvon Building, by a window, and stole $17 and a gold watch, valued at $50.

BRITISH UNITY

Emphasised By Mr Morrison

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter). The unity and determination of the British people to stand firm and carry on to win the war was the theme of a broadcast speech by Mr Herbert Morrison, the Home Security Minister, to-night.

He was urging the people to read and study carefully the leaflet just issued by his Ministry informing them what to do in case of invasion.

Invasion, said Mr Morrison, was a vital subject for though the blaze of war might leap from Europe to Africa or Asia, there could be no real Nazi victory unless it won here—in and around this Island.

No Secret

"I am giving away no secrets," Mr Morrison went on, "if I tell you that your government's military chiefs have made plans in the defence of Britain on a basis of complete confidence that you will not let them down."

He emphasised the necessity of carrying on the country's work to the utmost capacity and concluded with the exhortation, "Stand firm. Carry on. Beat the invader."

Seamen Absented Himself From Ship

Charged with absenting himself without leave from a British ship in which he was employed as a seaman, George Ball, 42, was committed to the House of Detention by Comdr J. Jolly at the Marine Court yesterday until such time as a vessel is available to take him back to England.

Ball, who was stated to have absented himself from the ship on March 14 and 15, admitted the charge.

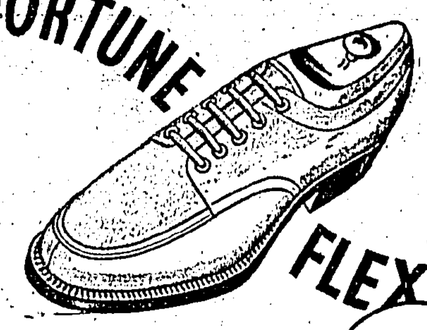
Snatched Handbag From Woman In Car

Au Ki, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for snatching a handbag and contents valued at $68 from Chan Lo-sai, 25, married woman.

It was said that about 7 p.m. Complainant was in her car parked outside the Alhambra Theatre when the Defendant put his hand through the window and snatched the handbag.

An alarm was raised and Defendant was arrested by a number of passers-by who chased Defendant into the roof-top of 112 Temple Street.

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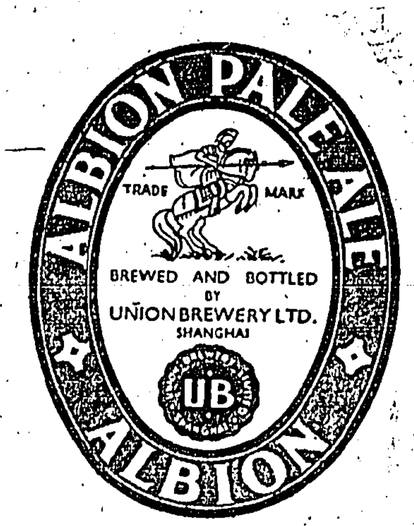
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Terrible Merseyside Death Roll In Two Big Air Raids

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—About 500 were killed and 500 were seriously injured in German air raids on Merseyside in two nights, March 12 and 13.

The combined casualties in the Clyde area on March 13 and 14 were approximately 500 killed and 800 seriously injured.

Bombers Intercepted

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Two German bombers were intercepted and shot down into the sea off the coast of Britain to-day.

Two British fighters, returning with their ammunition exhausted, were attacked by a number of enemy fighters and shot down. Both pilots are safe.

The Air Ministry adds that there had been a little air activity by small enemy forces round the coasts of Britain during the day and that a few aircraft penetrated inland, but no bombs are reported dropped.

Spaniard's Conclusion

MADRID, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—"Mysterious things are occurring in the air," writes the London correspondent of the newspaper, "A.B.C." who adds: "Whatever the British anti-aircraft devices may be, things have greatly changed and Londoners to-day are safer than ever in their shelters and houses."

Addressed HK Rotary Club

The Hongkong Rotary Club in particular and many newspaper people in China also, will be sorry to learn that Luigi Barzini, Italian correspondent, is, or was at the beginning of the war in imprisonment in the islands to which the Fascist Government exiles all malcontents.

C. M. Franzero, London Correspondent of the "Giornale d'Italia" and now writing for the "Daily Telegraph" since his anti-Fascist feelings made it impossible for him to return to Italy, says that in April last year, just before Italy's entry into the war, he visited Italy. There he learned that Barzini had been arrested and sentenced without trial to five years "in the islands," because he had expressed himself rather openly in a cafe on the comparative importance of Mussolini, Hitler and Ciano.

Barzani was one of the Italian correspondents on the Panay when she was sunk by the Japanese. When he was passing through Hongkong he was invited to give an account of this experience and this he did in a charming and fluent speech free from all Fascist sentiment.

BABY TANK FOR CHINA

Novel Features

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central News).—Blueprints for a baby tank two feet high, six feet wide and nine feet long with a speed of 80 miles per hour were presented to the Chinese Government through the Chinese Embassy in Washington by an American designer in Chicago, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post."

The "Post" learned that the designer, lived in Shanghai for ten years.

Costing only one-fourth of the price of the cheapest tank on the market, the whippet tank is so designed that it can be manufactured in China with materials available in this country.

Designed For China

Designed specifically for the Chinese terrain, the whippet tank is manned by a crew of two and is practically immune from aerial and anti-tank gun attacks. The tank can be powered by alcohol while the factory for manufacturing the baby tanks needs only 20 skilled workmen.

After a month's trial operation, the plant can turn out five such tanks daily. The factory will be equipped on a mobile basis to dodge Japanese bombs.

U. S. Squadron On Visit To Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Mr A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, announced to-night that a United States naval squadron of seven warships, now on a training cruise, is arriving at Sydney on Thursday.

"This visit," he said, "will give us a splendid opportunity to show how open-heartedly we can receive and entertain the representatives of a nation which, through its leader, has so clearly declared to the world that it is our friend in this war."

Parliament is adjourning until next Tuesday to enable the Ministers and Members to attend the official functions being arranged in celebration of the visit.

The squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Newton, will comprise the cruisers Chicago (flag ship) and Portland, the flotilla leader Clark and the destroyers, Cassin, Conyngham, Fownes and Reid.

The ships are among the most modern in the United States Navy.

Thailand Grateful For Small Concessions

BANGKOK, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Official comments unanimously hail the Indo-China peace terms as a success for Thailand and emphasise Thailand's gratitude to Japan, though a section of the press hints that Thailand expected something better.

The Premier, Luang Pibula Songgram, appealing to the public to celebrate the "successful conclusion" of the Tokyo conference, says that Japan has untiringly executed her task with efficiency, thoroughness, and strict maintenance of justice for the sake of peace in this part of the world.

He adds that when someone does us a good deed we for ever appreciate and cherish it in our memory.

A Foreign Ministry communique declares that Japanese mediation brought Thailand a square deal.

The "Bangkok Chronicle," a Thai-owned daily in English, says that though it may be felt that the territorial gains are slightly below expectations, this is an occasion for national rejoicing.

The vernacular, "Prajamit," says that France has ceded only a small portion of territory lost to her by Thailand, but "we are thankful to Japan for mediating."

Prestige Restored

The "Supab Barrus" says that Thailand's prestige is restored in the eyes of European nations. The treaty is satisfactory. "Japan is the most powerful nation in the east. She can protect all other eastern nations against aggression. She is always our best friend."

The Premier visited the Japanese Minister, Mr Fumita, this afternoon and thanked Japan.

This was the first time that the Premier had called at the Japanese Legation since assuming office two years ago.

EXECUTIVE YUAN MEETS

—Decisions

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Yuan, reports on military affairs and foreign relations were made by the War Minister, General Ho Ying-chin, and the Foreign Minister, Dr Wang Chung-hui.

The meeting approved the provisional measures relating to the collection of land tax in agricultural products. A proposal for the readjustment of the health administration of Sikong Province was adopted.

The meeting decided upon the appointment of Mr Peng Jo-kang as a member of the Honan Provincial Government and concurrently Commissioner of Finance in succession to Mr Tsao Chung-chih, who was appointed Assistant Director of the National Food Control Bureau. Mr Ho Pei-heng, the incumbent Assistant Director of the Bureau, was transferred to another post.

U-BOAT REPORT CONFIRMED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (UP).—The Under Secretary of State, Mr Sumner Welles, to-day confirmed the report that Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, yesterday brought to the State Department reports that German submarines are now headed for the northern coast of the United States. The Ambassador acted upon behalf of British naval authorities.

Crack Liner Bremen Badly Damaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 18 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the fire on the liner Bremen has been extinguished, but that the liner has been severely damaged.

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7.15 **London Relay—'From the Old Country'.**
Talk by Robert Donat.
7.30 **Folk Music.**
8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 **Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.**
8.30 **Studio—"Makers of Medicine' No. 4: "Medical Humanist: Grammarian and Doctor, Thomas Linacre."**
Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
8.50 **Violin Solos by Henry Merckel.**
Two Minuets from 'Sonata No. 6 in E Major for Solo Violin' Prelude from 'Sonata No. 1 in G Minor for Solo Violin' (Bach).
9.00 **London Relay—The News.**
9.15 **London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.**
9.30 **Light French Programme with Jean Sablon and Lucienne Boyer.**
Les Saltimbangues — Overture (Louis Ganne)...Orchestra Symphonique du Lutetia Wagram; Embrasse-Moi (Pills-Tabet); Je T'aime (Pills-Tabet)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; La Fille De Madame Angot—Overture (Lecocq)...Vienna Symphony Orchestra; La Chanson des Rues (Vaucaire and Goer); Why Do You Pass Me By?....Jean Sablon (Vocal) with Orchestra; Sous Les Bees De Gaz—Java; Ma Bonlieue—Valse (both from 'Feerie de Paris') L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra.
9.45 **News in French (on Short Wave only).**
10.00 **Studio—Talk—by Mr H. C. Macnamara on "The Fanling Hunt."**
10.10 **Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.**
10.23 **Dance Music.**
11.00 Close Down.

U.S.—Larder Of Democracies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt revealed to-day that he had asked the public health service to prepare a list of foods, including vitamins, needed by Britain and other democracies.

Most of the food to be furnished, he said, would be sent to Britain but other democracies were involved and also Spain.

President Roosevelt added that the Red Cross was completing arrangements for two cargoes of food to be sent to Unoccupied France.

Indian Princes

NEW DELHI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Princes' Chamber has recorded its heartiest gratification at the victories in Albania and Africa and its pride in the magnificent part played by Italian troops.

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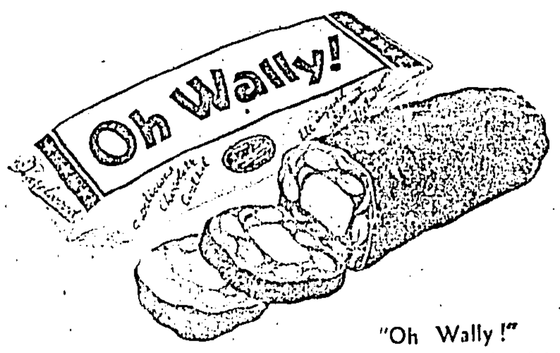
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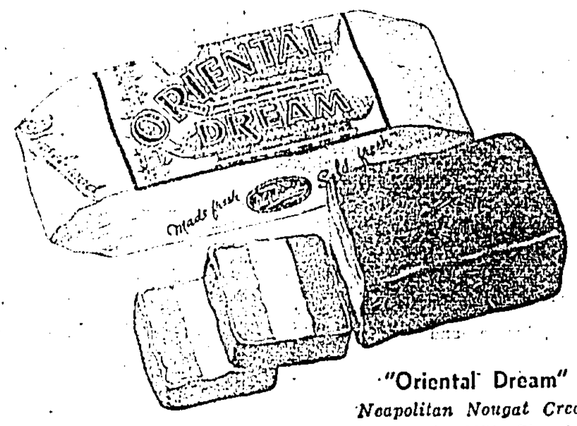
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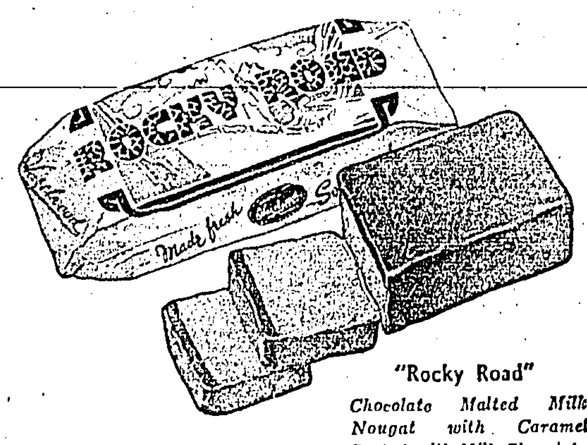
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American Gift To British Navy

MR. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, has received from Colonel Frank Knox, United States Secretary of the Navy, two pictures of Abraham Lincoln.

One of them will hang in the ward room of H.M.S. Lincoln, a destroyer recently transferred to the Royal Navy from the United States Navy, and the other will hang in the First Lord's room in the Admiralty.

If Nazis Take To Gas

A pump filter has been specially designed by a London firm for purifying tainted water in the event of the Nazis using poison gas in future air raids.

It is a simple instrument, not much heavier than a garden syringe, yet the cylinder of activated charcoal through which the contaminated water is pumped assures an adequate and safe supply of clean water to people in air raid shelters.

Princesses' London Home Bombed

The London home of Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise, in Pall Mall, W., was damaged by incendiary bombs in recent air attacks. Neither of the princesses was in residence.

Princess Helena Victoria was seventy last May, and Princess Marie Louise sixty-eight in August. They are granddaughters of Queen Victoria.

£5,000,000 Girl's £1 A Week

Gloria Vanderbilt, America's "poor little rich girl," heiress to approximately £5,000,000, will be allowed no more than £50 during this year from her fortune for her personal use.

A court order to this effect was signed recently by Surrogate James Foley, says a New York report.

The order provides, however, that her general guardian, Mr Thomas Gilchrist, shall be allowed approximately £6,000 a year for the next three years for Gloria's maintenance, support, and education.

Hundred Thousand French Killed

At least 100,000 French soldiers were killed before the French capitulation.

This statement was made by a dependable source in Vichy, says Associated Press.

The estimate is considerably higher than previous figures.

Lipstick Argument For War Bonus

"Lipstick and clothes have gone up a lot, and it costs our female staff far more to dress themselves properly in wartime."

Lt.-Col. Dr Summerhayes told this to the East Sussex Insurance Committee at Lewes recently.

To meet the extra cost of living the committee decided to grant a war bonus, which will apply chiefly to the female staff.

Millions From Salvage

Salvage sales from local authority collections for the first full year now include 215,700 tons of paper, 228,000 tons of metals, 5,000 tons of bones, and more than 40,000 tons of kitchen waste, the Ministry of Supply announced recently.

The salvage campaign is estimated to be saving for Britain about £15,000,000 a year.

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VIBRO PILING CO. MEETING

Gesture By Directors

Though the Directors had waived their fees, shareholders voted a payment to them at the annual general meeting of the Vibro Piling Company at the Company's offices this morning.

There were present Messrs. S. M. Churn (Chairman), J. J. Basto, The Hon. Sir Robert H. Kotewall, C.M.G. (Directors), F.E.D'Almada Remedios (Secretary), Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jnr., C. H. Basto, E. W. Blackmore, Lo Pang Tin and Lam Shu Chuen (shareholders).

The Chairman said:

If you will look at the Profit & Loss Account, you will observe that after making provision for all charges, including War Tax, the profit for the year amounts to $11,410. You will also observe, however, that in this year's account no charge has been made for Directors' fees, which according to the Articles should be a sum equal to 10% of the profit for the year. The reason for this is that as we have written off from General Reserve the sum of $18,849.43 being Deferred and other Charges in connection with the Manila Agency which was terminated last year, your Board has, subject to what shareholders may think, waived the right to any fees in respect of the year.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, this statement has been drawn up in the usual explanatory manner, and beyond repeating what I said a moment ago I do not think that there is to be found in the Balance Sheet any items requiring explanation from me.

Allocating Profits

On the question of appropriation of profits, the Board regrets that it is unable to go beyond the recommendation of the same dividend as in the previous year, but without the bonus of 25 cents per share previously paid. The Board feels that shareholders will understand that the general uncertainties of the future require a certain amount of caution at this time, and although the present year has started under favourable conditions, it appears to your Board that a husbanding of some of the undistributed profits of the Company is advisable.

With these remarks, Gentlemen, I formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and the appropriation of profits as recommended, and when this motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Sir R. H. Kotewall, but before it was put to the Meeting, Mr Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jnr., moved that the Report and Accounts and recommendation as to appropriation of Profits be adopted and in addition that the Board be paid a fee of $1,141, this figure being the equivalent of 10% of the profit of the year as shown by the Accounts.

The amended proposal was seconded by Mr E. W. Blackmore and carried.

Nazis Now Modify Colonial Claims

The possibility that the Nazis are preparing the German public for a disappointment in connexion with their often repeated colonial claims emerges from an article in the "*Schwarze Korps*", which declares that Nordic peoples are not capable of supporting the climate of Africa.

German must therefore at all costs rid themselves of the "African colonial mirage," the paper declares, adding that in any case the Reich's European territory amply fulfils her requirements regarding living space.

The "*Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten*" declares that the centre of gravity of military operations cannot be removed to the Mediterranean or to the East but that it remains concentrated around Great Britain.

"Portugal Intends To Remain Neutral"

Portugal intends to remain neutral and there is no possibility of her being "swayed" by Hitler, Senor Leopoldo Danilo Bareiros, Macao correspondent of the Portuguese newspaper Diaro de Noticias, recently declared.

Senor Bareiros spent last year in Lisbon as a representative of Macao at Portugal's annual celebration of her foundation and independence.

LATE NEWS

UNFIT TO PLEAD

Alleged Murderer Sent To Mental Hospital

Charged with the murder of his three-months'-old son, Lo King-yu, *alias* Lo Yick, 32, said to be a journalist, was found by a Jury to be insane and unfit to stand his trial, when he appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The Jury reached their finding after evidence of the Accused's mental state had been given by Drs C. W. Lam and G. H. Thomas, both of the Government Mental Hospital.

After the charge had been formally read to the Accused by the Clerk of the Court, Mr H. W. Lee, who was instructed by Mr C. Y. Kwan for the defence, raised the question of the Accused's fitness to plead. The Accused, said Mr Lee, had been certified by two Government doctors to be suffering from confusional insanity, and being in that state, he was not in fit state to plead.

Quoting from the Jury Ordinance, Mr J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who appeared for the prosecution, said that the Accused had the right to have a special jury called to try the issue raised, unless the Accused waived that right.

Mr Lee said that he would waive that right.

The following Jury was then empanelled: Messrs H. H. Scott (foreman), Chan Hung-cho, Cheng Kwok-choi, R. M. Roberts, J. A. V. Ribeiro, Tang Chan-po and W. A. Sprinkle.

Doctor's Evidence

Dr C. W. Lam, medical officer-in-charge of the Mental Hospital, said that the Accused had been under his care and observation for the last four weeks, and in his opinion, the Accused was suffering from confusional insanity. Witness did not think the Accused was fit to plead at the proceedings.

His Lordship: What is confusional insanity?

Dr Lam: It is a state of mind where, during certain periods, the Accused is quite lucid, and at other periods he behaves in a foolish way and acts like a child.

It is your considered opinion that he is unable to take an intelligent part in these proceedings and to direct and conduct his defence?—Yes, your Lordship.

Replying to Mr Murphy, Dr Lam said he had last examined the Accused yesterday when he was talking nonsense. Witness agreed that it was possible the Accused might be lucid this morning.

Mr Murphy: Is it possible that, at the present moment, he understands he is charged with murder? That is the whole question. I know it is difficult for you to say, but supposing you were asked the question yesterday, immediately after you had examined him, was it possible yesterday that he understood he was charged with murder?

Dr Lam: He may have understood yesterday, but he would not be able to remember to-day.

In your opinion, from your examination yesterday, he does not today in all probability understand sufficiently to plead to this indictment?—Yes.

Rational For Fortnight

It is a fact that when the man was under your care and observation for a period of a fortnight in December, you observed him constantly for that period, and he appeared to be rational then?—Yes.

He showed no signs of mental absence?—No.

But that does not alter your present opinion?—No.

His Lordship: You mean that there has been a sudden deterioration since then?

Dr Lam: Yes, quite a marked deterioration.

Dr G. H. Thomas, of the Mental Hospital, said that he had kept observation of the Accused. After a period totalling six odd weeks, Witness came to the conclusion that the Accused's mental state was one of confusion. He agreed with Dr Lam that the Accused, at certain periods, appeared to speak quite coherently, and at other times seemed to have forgotten what he had said and behaved in a peculiar manner. Witness was of the opinion that the Accused was unfit to plead to the indictment.

Dr Thomas, in reply to his Lordship, said that he felt the Accused could not take an intelligent interest in the proceedings.

Mr Murphy informed the Court that he had Dr A. H. Barwell, attached to Stanley Prison, available, but Dr Barwell was not called upon to give evidence as his testimony only covered the period prior to the Accused's admission to the Mental Hospital.

Mr Lee, in a brief address to the Jury, submitted that there was no doubt as to the Accused's insanity.

Summing Up

Summing up, his Lordship told the Jury that the Accused was charged with murder a month ago and in view of what appeared to be his mental condition, the case was not proceeded with and he was sent to the Mental Hospital for observation.

There was no question here on the issue as to the state of mind of the Accused at the time of the alleged murder. The question was whether the Accused was now able to plead to the indictment, to listen intelligently to the evidence against him, to appreciate points made against him and to instruct his solicitor and Counsel. If the Jury were satisfied the Accused was not, then they must find he was unfit to plead, and he would be detained in the Mental Hospital until such time as it was thought he had recovered, and he would then be called upon to face the indictment again.

Without retiring, the Jury returned a unanimous verdict that the Accused was insane.

His Lordship directed the Accused to be returned to the custody of the Prison officers and to remain in custody at His Excellency's pleasure.

Juror Absent

Mr Robert Murray, who failed to answer his name when called to serve on the Jury, appeared in Court at the end of the case, and was asked by His Lordship for his failure to be present. An explanation was offered, which his Lordship accepted.

Cordell Hull Warns U.S. In Danger

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sible step for national defence must be taken with the utmost rapidity."

One Sub-Committeeman queried Mr Hull as to what countries besides Britain might be aided by the Lend and Lease Bill and Rep. Clarence Cannon asked if it would include Asiatic countries. Mr Hull replied: "We have been dealing with the worldwide situation by co-operating with China to quite an extent, that country coming within that same category of countries resisting aggression."

C.I.S.'s Revelations

General Marshall revealed; (1) That 95 per cent of the military articles being manufactured for transfer abroad will be of a type which the United States Army can use as well as the British;

(2) That virtually all of the seven billion dollars will be spent during the fiscal year beginning next July first;

(3) That plans are ready for transferring the entire Coast Guard to the Navy Department though there is no such intention at present;

(4) That among the foodstuffs the British have requested are cheese, dried eggs, milk, pork and canned goods;

(5) That the revolving turret that is now being used on American tanks and planes came from Britain;

(6) That prices of war materials are now considerably below the world war period; and,

(7) That the object of the United States foreign policy is to "assure the safety, independence and interests of the United States against all threats."

AID BRITAIN

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made during to-day's debate on the seven billion dollar appropriation.

A Representative referred to the purchase of $50,000,000 of tobacco. Money for this purpose would come from an allocation of $1,350,000,000 earmarked for agricultural and other commodities.

It is understood that lists of further items exist but President Roosevelt does not wish to make them public.

The information given above was revealed accidentally; it was not suppressed, but it will be struck off the House of Representatives' records.

Female Doctor Is Fined $500

Wong Yuet-wan, 35, described as a Chinese female doctor, of Room No. 11 Ho-tung Building, Central district, was ordered to pay $500 or do two months' imprisonment by Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning, for unlawfully practising medicine for gain or professing to practise medicine or surgery.

A further charge against her, of possession of eight ampoules of hypophyoin and a bottle of liquid extract of ergot, was withdrawn.

Hearing was fixed for at 11 a.m. on March 25, for thirteen Chinese who were summoned before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning for attempting to send letters out of the Colony other than by post.

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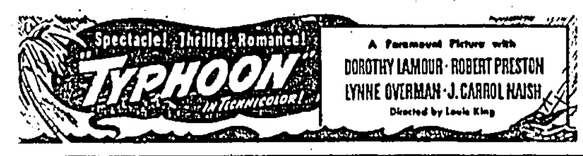
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Sentence Passed On Jacobs

Pte Frank Kenneth Jacobs, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was found guilty about a fortnight ago on charges of rape and indecent assault, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Jacobs, it will be recalled, was convicted of having raped and indecently assaulted Man Shiu-ying, an 18-year-old waitress employed at the Nathan Hotel, in King's Park on January 16. The Jury returned a 6-1 verdict of guilty but recommended that he be dealt with leniently.

His Lordship told Jacobs yesterday that he had given the case careful consideration and was relieved to find that his conviction would not necessitate him leaving the Army, in which he had earned a good reputation. "I am bearing in mind carefully," his Lordship added, "the rider the Jury attached to their verdict; but even taking that into consideration I cannot pass on you a lighter sentence than eight months, to date from the February Sessions."

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